THE WEATHER.

Partly cloudy Sunday, much cold in east and central portions; Monday fair.

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TEUTONS MAY BREAK LULL BY ATTACK ON ENTENTE IN GREECE

Greek Observers Believe Huge Army is Being Prepared by Central Powers.

TO STRIKE AT SALONIKI?

Germans, it is Reported, Have Established Provisional Government at Nish.

Austrians Entrenching Before Montenegrin Lines.

London, Dec. 25.—Dispatches from the continent predict that the holiday lull will first be broken on the Balkan front where Greek observers believe the Central Powers are preparing a huge army for operations directed against the Entente. Whether this will take the form of an attack on Saloniki or merely advance into Greece for the purpose of seizing strategic defensive points is a matter of keen speculation in Athens.

According to one correspondent the Greek government has definitely decided not to permit the enemies of the Entente to penetrate Greek territory unless the Central Powers satisfactorily guarantee that Greek territory will not be engendered.

Establish Provisional Government.

According to dispatches from a Serbian source, the Germans have established a provisional government at Nish, withdrawing all the Bulgarian and Austrian troops and ending Bulgar-Austrian interference in the administration of Serbian affairs. It is added that proclamations have been issued announcing that the Germans "will respect Serbian antionality."

There has been no news of importance from the British correspondents at Athens and Saloniki since Friday.

The Montenegrin official communication states that the Austrians are entrenching on a front between Motenegro ad Sordia, which British observers take to mean a pause in the active Austrian campaign against the little mountain country, presumably to enable the Austrian forces to be turned to more pressing matters on other fronts.

No German Peace Campaign.

A quietus has been put on the talk of a huge German peace campaign from Zurich by the departure from there of Prince VonBuelow and his staff of secretaries, of which much has been heard in the Entente press during the past few days.

In England, David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions, is the chief figure for the moment. This is no holiday period for him, as he is in the midst of the important work of persuading the trade unionists to consent to his scheme of "labor dilution."

Yesterday he visited the St. Notch factory where his scheme is already in operation and where further developments in this direction are in contemplation. It is stated. Mr. Lloyd-George's party was much impressed with the efficient manner in which the women, introduced under the dilution scheme were already executing useful work on machines.

MINISTER MALVY EXPLAINS.

Writes Letter Regarding Measures Against Spies in France.

Paris, Dec. 25.—The statement by LaLiberte that Minister of Interior Malvy had not taken stringent measures against spies and the subjects of hostile powers, compelling M. Millerand, when minister of war, to order the posting of bills reading: "Hold your tongue; be on guard, the ears of enemies are listening," has caused M. Malvy to write a long letter of explanation to the editor.

In his letter he says that 5,063 persons were expelled from France in 1914-15 and that the fight against espionage was continuing. Before the war, he stated, there were 400,000 strangers in the country, while today there were 350,000, mostly Italians, Russians, English, American and Swiss.

DIVIDE WARSAW DISTRICTS.

Germany and Austria Agree on Government of Seized Territory.

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 25.—According to a dispatch from Berlin, newspapers in Vienna have published an agreement between Germany and Austria-Hungary concerning the representation of Austro-Hungarian interests in Warsaw and defining the line of demarcation of Austro-German administrative districts on the right bank of the Vistula.

NEEDS GREAT ARMY LEADER

London Observer Says That is What England is Waiting For.

London, December 26.—"The country is waiting and longing for a great fighting leader," says The Observer in an article denouncing Premier Asquith's leadership, and declaring that David Lloyd George is "the only possible head of a new national government."

"Week after week month after month, on one question after another, upon great questions and little, whenever there is the least difficulty there is procrastination," continues The Observer.

"What are we thinking of to tolerate these things after 17 months of war, when all hope of improvement has finally been quenched?"

"We can only urge Mr. Lloyd-George to put his faith in the country, as Chatham did. Mr. Lloyd George is of the few who know that the devil's real name is Inertia. He spent Christmas on the Clyde, putting the nation's

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SOLDIERS HOME TO SPEND CHRISTMAS

Many Thousands Come From Trenches to London.

CHARITY DOES ITS PART

Amply Provides for Lonesome and Wounded, Prisoners and Aliens, and Dependent Ones—War Subject in Churches.

London, Dec. 25.—The people of London spent Christmas in a depressing atmosphere of fog and rain. The city was filled with soldiers, many thousands of mud-stained veterans from the trenches having received a short holiday leave. The last of these men arrived as late as midday having been delayed by a rough passage across the channel which left many of them still pale and miserable when they reached London.

The great charitable institutions celebrated the day with tremendous energy. There was ample provision for lonesome soldiers, for the wounded, for prisoners and interned aliens and for the wives and families of the men at the front. The hospitals were bright with flowers and gifts, while visitors literally overran the already crowded wards. Carol singers and entertainers of various types provided amusement at the hospitals and internment camps.

At special services held in virtually all the churches, war was the almost invariable subject.

Archdeacon Wilberforce, preaching in St. John's, explained his praying for the German people by stating:

"We are not praying that the won't be vanquished or punished for their crimes, but rather that the German people may be emancipated from the curse of Prussianism and may strike off the fetter of cruel military despotism."

Dean Inge, of St. Paul's Cathedral, called the nation to a great campaign of economy.

"We must face the certainty that we shall come out of this war a very poor nation," he said. "But the common desire to make good what has been lost will make the nation a more wholesome training school for the generation."

Canon Carnegie at St. Margaret's, attacked the weaknesses in leadership revealed by the war, saying:

"The most painful lesson of the war has been Great Britain's la of strong and intelligent leadership. The selection of men to lead the nation should be more in the hands of the people. The popular verdict on particular measures is rarely right, but it is of the greatest value when the choice of leaders is concerned.

REPLY FROM AUSTRIA ON THE ANCONA SOON

Will be Delivered Within the Next Few Days.

Full Text of the Second American Note Published Prominently in Berlin Papers Mostly With Only Brief Comment.

Berlin, Dec. 25. (by Wireless to Sayville)—The Vienna Zeitung says the Overseas News Agency, announces that Baron Burian has begun work upon the answer to the second American note on the Ancona and that the Austrian reply will be handed during the next few days to the American ambassador at Vienna.

PUBLISH AMERICAN NOTE.

Full Text Displayed Prominently in Papers in Berlin.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 25.—The Berlin papers today publish prominently the full text of the American note on the Ancona. Only the Tageblatt and Boersen Zeitung comment at any length. The Tageblatt says the note differs from the first to its advantage by the abjective tone, which preserves the forms customary in communications between nations.

"The question at issue," says the Tageblatt, "is not brought a step nearer solution; the American government maintains its demand made on December 6. As a basis for this demand, however, it has recourse no longer to the somewhat scanty material furnished by naked assumptions and suppositions, which it was before based on, but on the report of the Austro-Hungarian Charge d'Affaires at Washington."

The Tageblatt says it must wait until it knows what this report contained before deciding whether it furnished a better basis for the American demand than "the assumptions and suppositions on which the first note was based" and continues:

"In any event, it remains a striking

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Back to Germany.

Captain Franz von Papen.

Captain Franz von Papen, the attache of the German embassy in Washington who was recalled at the request of the American government, posed for this picture just before he boarded a steamer for Holland on his way back to Germany. It was the first time he willingly faced the camera since the war began.

ARMIES AT FRONT NOT VERY ACTIVE

Christmas Day Barren of Notable Developments.

SOME MEAGRE REPORTS

German Artillery Shells Anglo-French Lines in Greek Montenegro—Turks Wage Fight Against Allies in Dardanelles.

Christmas day was barren of notable war developments, no operations of importance apparently having been undertaken by the commanders of the huge forces in the European field of hostilities, which for the most part seem to have been resting on their arms.

One of the most interesting of the day's reports came through Athens to the effect that on Friday German artillery on Lake Doiran, about 40 miles northwest of Saloniki, was shelling the Anglo-French lines in Greek Macedonia which the Allies are continuing to fortify. This might easily mean that the looked for advance by the forces of the Central Powers against the allied base at Saloniki was about to begin.

Over on the other side of the Balkans, Teutonic aircraft appear to have been active recently, a despatch from Cettinje, Montenegro, reporting that two aeroplanes had dropped bombs on Scutaria, killing five civilians and injuring nearly a score of others. While off the Albanian coast the Montenegrins, through a submarine attack, lost a ship loaded with livestock.

Paris reported the Christmas eve operations along the western front as not being important enough to record. The German account mentioned only mining operations in which the Germans blew up works which were under construction in front of their lines, presumably by the British. The British report under Friday's date spoke solely of artillery actively, notably in the vicinity of Ypres.

In the Dardanelles the Turkish guns have been busy and, according to Constantinople, have done considerable execution recently against the Allies' trenches and lines of communication; sinking two loaded vessels, preventing the landing of troops by shelling the Allies' landing stages and silencing three allied batteries, besides breaking up the work of entrenchment diggers.

In Persia the Russians are declared to have severely defeated the Persian insurgents in a battle 25 miles from Temeran. Along the Russian front itself the fighting, according to Berlin, has been limited to patrol engagements.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The Weather Bureau tonight issued the following storm warning:

"Change to northwest storm warning 10 P. M. Cape Hatteras to Boston. Storm over the Middle Atlantic states moving northeast. Strong northwest winds probably reaching gale force."

STEAL SECURITIES VALUED AT $500,000

From Registered Mail Bag in Transit to Station.

NEGRO DRIVERS HELD

Believed to Have Been Tool of the Robbers—Stock Certificates Being Sent From Wilmington, Del., to New York.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 25.—Five hundred thousand dollars in stock certificates and checks, stolen from a registered mail pouch while it was in transit in a wagon from the Wilmington postoffice to the Pennsylvania railroad station Christmas Eve, were recovered late night in an old stove at the home of two negroes who were driving the vehicle. The mail pouch contained stock certificates and checks estimated to be worth $850,000. When th epouch reached the station it was fou ndopen. All but $350,000 securities and checks were missing. The remainder was found in the wagon.

The drivers of the wagon, Albert and Earl Johnson, who were not related, were arrested on suspicion and held in heavy bail for further examination. The first search of their home resulted in nothing being found but another visit by the police late tonight after the men had gone through a severe examination revealed $350,000 in scurities of the Dupont Powder Company and $150,000 in checks in the unused stove.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 25. — Five hundred thousand dollars in stock certificates were stolen from a registered mail pouch here late last night, while in transit in a one-horse covered wagon from the Wilmington post office to the Pennsylvania railroad station. The bag contained stock certificates of the Du Pont, Hercules and Atlas powder companies, General Motors Company, and railroad companies, to the value of $850,000, but $350,000 of the securities were subsequently found hidden in the vehicle.

Albert Johnson and Earl Johnson, negroes, the drivers of the wagon, were arrested today. They are not related. The men are believed, according to the police, to be the tools of the real robbers.

The securities were en route to New York. Some of the stock belongs to the Du Pont company, and the remainder is the property of brokers in New York. The postal inspectors will not divulge the names of the brokers.

The mail pouch was one of three in the wagon, the other two not containing any registered matter. It is the belief of the police that the stock not recovered can be more readily negotiated than that which the thieves left behind.

It is the opinion of the police that the negroes permitted the men to ride in the wagon from the post office to the railroad station, a distance of a dozen blocks. This gave the men ample time to cut open the pouch and to select the negotiable securities.

The two negroes were given a hearing by United States Commissioner Ma-

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NEW GOVERNMENT IS FOUNDED AT JUAREZ

Mayor Appointed by Mexican De Facto Government

Obregon and Calles Confer on Plans for Campaign Against Zapata in Morelos—To Drive Villa From Chihuahua.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 25.—Foundation of a new civil government was laid today in Juarez, the recently surrendered Villa town across the border, by the appointment of Manuel Prietoas mayor. General Obregon and Calles conferred upon plans for a campaign against Zapata forces in the state of Morelos.

It is expected that tomorrow, with the arrival of 3,000 troops given permission today to pass through the United States to Agua Prieta, General Obregon and his staff will begin active work of mustering out the Villa forces in Chihuahua.

GONE TO WASHINGTON

C. C. Carothers Receives Orders From Secretary Lansing.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 25.—George C. Carothers, special agent of the State Department formerly assigned to the Villa government, left today for Washington in response to an order from Secretary of State Lansing.

MAY RETAIN CAROTHERS

May Continue as United States Agent for Villa Government.

Washington, Dec. 25.—George C. Carothers' commission as consular agent, expires December 31, but it is thought likely it may be decided to retain him because of the apparent determination of General Villa not to eliminate himself from the Mexican situation. Carothers is the only agent through whom the State Department has been able to deal successfully with Villa.

$12,000,000,000 Gary-Roose velt Guests.

Here are some of the millionaires and representatives of enormous wealth who were present at the dinner Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the steel trust, gave to Theodore Roosevelt the other night. The fortunes of those shown here have been estimated as follows:

George F. Baker	$400,000,000
August Belmont	10,000,000
George B. Cortelyou	1,000,000
Elbert H. Gary	50,000,000
Daniel Guggenheim	60,000,000
Clarence Mackay	50,000,000
George W. Perkins	20,000,000
Jacob H. Schiff	100,000,000
Cornelius Vanderbilt	30,000,000
Frank A. Vanderlip	20,000,000

CHINESE UPRISING IS STILL GROWING

Government Troops in Yunnan Join Revolutionists.

FORCES NUMBER 30,000

Province of Kwei Chow Also in an Unsettled Condition—Three Provinces Reported to Have Declared Independence.

Peking, Dec. 25.—The government troops in the province of Yunnan have joined the revolutionists under Tsai-Ao, who has declared the province independent and guaranteed the safety of foreigners. The revolutionary forces now number 30,000.

Conditions in the Province Kwei Chow are unsettled but disaffections have not been reported in the other Southern provinces.

THREE PROVINCES REBEL

Government at Peking Reported Growing Uneasy Over Situation.

Philadelphia, Dec. 25.—The Chinese provinces of Yunnan, Sze Chuen Hupeh and Kwang Si have declared their independence, according to General Hwang Hsing, former Chinese minister of war, who, through his secretary, announced receipt of a cablegram from Shanghai to that effect here tonight.

The cable advices added that the governor of Sze-Chuen province had disregarded orders from President Yuan Shi Kai to send troops to Yunnan to put down the revolt there.

The Peking government, it was said, was becoming uneasy over the situation. General Hwang Hsing is temporarily residing at Media near here.

DOUBLED IN 12 YEARS.

Postoffice Department Reaches $2,000,000,000 Mark for First Time.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The postal service has doubled in the last 12 years and during the last fiscal year auditor transactions reached the $2,000,000,000 mark for the first time, according to the annual report of Charles A. Kram, auditor for the Postoffice Department, made public tonight. Sales of stamps, postal cards and stamped envelopes, the greatest source of income, netted $258,000,000 for the year. About $200,000,000 was paid out in salaries.

Montperier, Vt., Dec. 25.—Joseph A. DeBoer, president of the National Life Insurance Company since 1902, died at his home here today after an illness of several months at the age of 54.

GREATER FORCE OF MARINES IS URGED

7,500 Additional Officers and Men Are Needed.

SMALLER NUMBER ASKED

General Barnett Recommends Addition of 1,583 Officers and Men—Daniels Asks Congress for Enlargement

Washington, Dec. 25. — An additional 7,500 officers and men are needed by the marine corps, in the opinion of Major General George Barnett, commandant, as expressed in his annual report, made public tonight. Since the policy of the navy general board has been to keep the corps at one-fifth of the total enlisted strength of the navy, however, General Barnett recommends the addition at present of only 1,500 men, 60 off icers and 23 warrant officers. Secretary Daniels has asked Congress for this enlargement.

Every year since the Spanish war marines have been sent to maintain order in some foreign country, and to provide the mobile forces for this work. Ship detachments and those on guard duty often have been drawn ashore.

"Based on the experience gained from many expeditions," General Barnett says: "I am strongly of the opinion that a mobile force of not less than 3,500 men should be maintained on the coast and one of not less than 1,200 men on the west coast. These forces would also be in readiness at all times for service as a part of the garrison of advance basis, acting as supports to the fixed defense force by protecting the base from hostile landing parties. This duty is of very great importance, as fortified harbors are very vulnerable to this form of attack. Approximately 3,000 additional men are needed for this purpose."

The report shows that General Barnett recommended two brigadier generals for the corps and that Secretary Daniels asks for only one in his recommendations to Congress. The secretary also reduced the number of majors asked for from nine to six.

The report shows that 49 per cent. of the total enlisted strength of the corps have qualified as marksmen in rifle practice.

The full strength of the corps on September 30th last was 344 officers and 9,979 men, divided about equally between shore and sea duty.

POVERTY FAR LESS THAN A YEAR AGO

New York Provides Surplus of Food for the Poor.

SANTA CLAUS MEMORIAL

Building to Serve as Headquarters for International Santa Claus Association—Lapland Passengers Late Arriving.

New York, Dec. 25.—This was a merry Christmas in New York in spite of mild and foggy weather. Charitable agencies which supply cheer for the homeless and forlorn united tonight in declaring there is far less poverty than there was a year ago. Stocks of food which had been provided for the usual Christmas dinners were more than sufficient and the surplus will be distributed among the poor.

Prediction was made at the postoffice that when the figures are compiled it will be found all records have been broken in the sale of stamps to carry gifts and in the shipment of Christmas packages by parcel post.

Christmas day brought the announcement that architects have been commissioned to prepare plans for a monument to Santa Claus in the form of a building which will serve as head quarters in this city for the International Santa Claus Association. While the structure will be designed for utilitarian purposes, it is intended to exemplify the spirit of Christmas. The plans will provide for a small auditorium where children's play will be given and a bazaar for the free exhibition of new toys to encourage the toy-making industry in this country.

The steamship Lapland, of the Red Star Line, buffeted by Atlantic storms, arrived a full day late so that those of her 154 passengers who do not live in the city or nearby were unable to reach their homes for Christmas. She brought 4,500 bags of mail, 800 packages of parcel post and $1,500,000 in specie.

GAY DAY IN ST. LOUIS.

Ten Thousand Children Attend Municipal Christmas Tree and Dinner.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 25. — Ten thousand children filled the Coliseum tonight, where music, gifts of fruit, candy, toys and wearing apparel, a gigantic tree and a real Christmas dinner were provided by a publicly subscribed fund. Seven hundred and fifty children, under the dirction of the Municipal Play Grounds Committee and teachers entertained the crowd.

In ahother part of the city 3,000 homeless men were treated to a dinner provided by the same fund. The Provident Association was host for 1,000 homeless, while a private citizen played Santa Claus to 1,000 children.

THREE NEGROES DEAD.

Three Dying and Eighteen in Hospital Suffering From Wounds.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25. — Three negroes dead, three dying and eighteen in the city hospital suffering from gun

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PRESIDENT AND BRIDE ARE DRENCHED BY RAIN

Caught on Golf Course a Mile From Their Hotel.

Enjoy Christmas Dinner, Especially Prepared in Southern Style, in Their Suite—Receive Many Gifts and Messages.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 25.—President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson were driven from the golf links here today by a heavy rain storm which broke suddenly and drenched both of them before they could reach their hotel a mile away. Despite the cold mountain air, however, it was said at the hotel tonight that neither had suffered any serious effects, though the President caught a slight cold.

With secret service guards acting as caddies, the couple had just started around the links when the first rain drops fell. They immediately started for the hotel and as the storm became heavier the President removed his coat and threw it about Mrs. Wilson's shoulders. Even this did not save her from a thorough drenching.

Guests of the hotel offered such first-aid preventatives as were at hand, but the President laughingly refused to accept.

The President and Mrs. Wilson ate a Virginia Christmas in their private suite this evening. A turkey, roasted in Southern style, was served with other favorite dishes prepared especially for the couple. On the table was a small Christmas tree.

More than 50 Christmas gifts, sent by relatives, members of the President's official family, and close friends, were delivered at the Presidential suite today. A large bouquet, including a cluster of roses and some orchids, Mrs. Wilson's favorite flower, came from the White House conservatories. There were hundreds of messages of Christmas greeting and congratulations.

They spent several hours writing acknowledgements of gifts and Christmas messages.

SLAYER OF LANGLEY PROCLAIMED OUTLAW

Citizens Determined to Take Bill Gay, Dead or Alive.

Wilson County Farmer's Wife Tells Story of Brutal Murder of Her Husband—Murderer Threatened Her Life.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 25.—But for the fact that she became panic stricken at the moment when she saw her husband shot to death, Mrs. Fayte Langley would now be dead and buried. In the first few hours after the foul murder of Thursday, Mrs. Langley could not tell a clear story of the happenings and no other witness was present. She saw Bill Gay, a moment after the shot was fired, standing over the body of her husband as it lay upon the ground close to the barn and watched him from the door of the Langley home as he kicked the body in his effort to discover that Langley was really dead, so she states.

In the meantime, posses of officers unable to locate Gay have reported here and a proclamation of outlawry has been issued. Citizens of the county are called on to capture Gay dead or alive. Sheriff Rowe is making every effort to secure the man charged with the murder of Fayte Langley. Rumors that he had been arrested came thick and fast Thursday and Friday, but in every case they were false.

Mrs. Langely tells the story of the awful crime. She says that she knew that Gay had threatened to kill Mr. Langley and had also said he would kill her. When she heard the gun shot Thursday morning five minutes after her husband had left the house, she ran to the door and could distinctly see Gay as he walked around the body of Mr. Langley and would stop occasionally and kick it. Then panic mastered the woman, who felt that she would be killed next. She ran from the house, across the road to the woods with the intention of seeking help from neighbors. She saw Gay go to the house, enter and later saw him leave the house, and go from out-house to out-house. Then Gay left the place and went in the opposite direction.

In the house the mother had left the six children, and the youngest is but a year old. The older children say that Gay came into the house, searched it carefully, every room and the closets, and demanded to know where the mother was, saying that he intended to kill her. He offered no injury to the children, however.

Fayte Langley was buried in Wilson Friday, the interment being at the Maplewood cemetery. In the large company of neighbors who attended the funeral service were a number of sober faced men, and it was a pitiful occasion with the weeping woman and her children gathered about the open grave, and the faces of those men told the story of their determination to find Bill Gay, if possible. One of them said that Gay would be found and maybe they would put him in jail but maybe he might be buried in the woods. There is no excitement—but there is an evident and intense determination to locate the man.

MISS ROSALIE JACOBI WON THE HANDSOME BUNGALOW

Mrs. Winifred Sackville Stoner Entertained Children at Victoria.

Miss Rosalie Jacobi was the winner of the handsome miniature bungalow in the popularity contest, conducted under the auspices of North Carolina Sorosis, and Miss Edwina Dewey won the second prize of $20 in gold. The announcements of the winners was made by Col. Walker Taylor at the close of a splendid entertainment given at the Victoria Theatre Friday from 11 to 1 o'clock. Miss Emily Eva Jewett won the third prize, which was a beautiful doll, and pretty boxes of candy were given Misses Blanche Bolles, Helen Carroll, Elizabeth Stevenson, Elizabeth Parsley and Mary B. Williams.

It was a happy crowd of children that gathered at the Victoria theatre to take part in the entertainment. Mrs. Winifred Sackville Stoner had kindly consented to tell the children the story of "Santa Claus and Father Bear," and also gave other readings. The children were immensely pleased with this feature of the programme and joined heartily in answering Mrs. Stoner's questions. It was a real treat for them and they enjoyed it very much indeed. There were not many adults but those present enjoyed it as much as did the children.

Miss Rachel Pearsall gave several delightful readings, appearing in costume. The High School orchestra furnished music for the occasion and the moving pictures were also a feature.

The Victoria was donated to Sorosis by Messrs. Howard & Wells, the lessees, and the Bungalow was a gift of the Clark-Lynch Lumber Company. The bungalow won the first prize in the "Made in Wilmington" parade as being the most attractive float in the procession and the prize of $15 was also donated by Messrs. Clark and Lynch Company to Sorosis.

The total number of votes cast in the contest was 7,358 and of this number Miss Jacobi received 2,796, this being the largest number received by any child. The bungalow was formally turned over to her by a bill of sale and is now her property. It is very handsomely fitted up and made a most attractive Christmas gift.

YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED

Miss Bell Call Bride of Mr. Jesse E. Stone, of Wilmington.

Mr. Jesse E. Stone and Miss Bell Call, both of Wilmington, were married on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Luther Clemmons, No. 1015 South Second street. The ceremony was performed by Justice G. W. Bornemann. Both are young people and have many friends.

Enjoyed His Visit.

The Clarkton Journal last week had the following: "The local Pythians enjoyed a visit from Rev. J. S. Crowley, District Deputy, at their meeting last Thursday night. All members are urged to be present at the meeting tonight, as new officers are to be elected."

Dr. A. D. McClure to Speak.

The feature of the meeting this afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. of the Boys' League, will be the special Christmas talk by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

The Aeolian Quartette will furnish special Christmas music. The public is invited to attend.

TEUTONS MAY BREAK LULL BY ATTACK ON ENTENTE IN GREECE

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work first; he did not adjourn his job over the holidays. We want decision and action, not irresolution, adjournment and words.

"We have no hostility toward's Mr. Asquith, but the question of efficiency must be settled within the next few weeks."

SITUATION UNMODIFIED

Bulgarian Forces Still Remain at the Serbian Frontier.

Paris, Dec. 25.—A Saloniki dispatch to the Tempts dated Friday says:

"The situation is without modification. The Bulgarians remain at the frontier on Serbian territory. Trustworthy information announces a large concentration of troops which may mean an offensive at an early date."

ON IMPORTANT VISIT.

General Castelnau Confers With French Commander in Near East.

Paris, Dec. 25.—The Saloniki correspondent of the Corriere Della Sera (Milan) says that General Castelnau, chief of the French general staff, who has just arrived, has had a long conference with General Sarrail, the French commander, in the Near East.

General Castelnau's visit under the present circumstances is of great importance, says the correspondent, "and the best proof that the decisions taken by him are in accord with General Sarrail's views is to be found in the fact that transports are arriveing every day. Material is being landed and only now is the real expeditionary corps being organized."

REPLY FROM AUSTRIA ON THE ANCONA SOON

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and unusual fact that the demands were not emphasized by any threat or time limitation."

The Boersen Zeitung finds the second note decidedly milder in tone than the abstract cabled here led it to believe.

It points out, however, that the note maintains its former standpoint and adds that even if the United States is of the opinion that new evidence cannot alter the facts, the note still leaves the way open for a further exchange of notes.

The Morgen Post says: "The note, with its almost hearty concluding phrases, perhaps the hope that Austria-Hungary and the United States may reach an understanding over this issue in all friendliness."

STEAL SECURITIES VALUED AT $400,000

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haffy and each was held in $3,000 bail for appearance next Thursday. In default of bail they were committed to jail The men were not employed by the government, but were hired by a man who had the contract for carrying the mail between the railroad stations and the post office.

The negroes were put through a severe examination by postal inspector M. S. Plummer, and while he will not say what was learned, it was reported the negroes gave a clue to the robbers.

Young People Married.

Mr. Arthur Thomas and Miss Irene Chinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Chinnis, of Phoenix, were married Friday night at 7:15 o'clock at the home of Rev. J. S. Crowley, No. 508 South Third street. There were only a few friends present. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will reside at No. 306 Wright street.

Fell and Fractured Skull.

Members of the Cape Fear Country Club will learn with regret of an accident that may cause the death of Della Merritt, colored, who has for years acted as stewardess there. She slipped down in the snow a few days ago and fractured her skull. She was immediately taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, but little hope of her recovery was entertained last night.

Death of Infant Daughter.

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Vale will deeply sympathize with them in the death of their 20-monhs-old daughter, Helen Marie, which occurred last Saturday evening at their home in Trenton, N. C.

PLEA IN BEHALF OF MORAL AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Should be Work of the Home and of the Church and Synagogue.

New Orleans, Dec. 25.—A plea for moral and religious education of the young but insistence that this task is the work of the home and of the church or synagogue were points emphasized on the address of Dr. Henry Berkowitz, of Philadelphia, chancellor of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, af its national meeting here tonight.

"Jewish people," he said, "having abandoned the system of segregating their children in parochial religious schools will never resort to it again. There is the alternative danger of having religious and moral instruction injected into the public school system. We believe that the separation of church and state should inviolably be maintained.

"The school cultivates the communial spirit and trains in civic and social virtues."

MOUNTAINEERS THREATEN TO LYNCH DEPUTY SHERIFF

Mountain, Home, Ark., Dec. 25.—Deputy Sheriff Alonzo Trimble barricaded himself tonight in a mountain cabin and stood off a party of armed mountaineers who threatened to lynch him, according to a telephone message received here from the Lesphrs Woods Mountain district. The mountaineers, it was said, sought to lynch Trimble in connection with the shooting of Howard Avery, a farmer, who the message said was badly wounded with he resisted arrest at a Christmas celebration. A posse was sent from here to rescue Trimble. Lesphers Woods Mountain is in a isolated district.

BUSINESS SECTION BURNED.

Grundy, Va., Suffers Fire Loss Estimated at $100,000.

Grundy, Va., Dec. 25.—A fire which originated in the store of the Grundy Mercantile Company here at 4 o'clock this morning, destroyed the entire business section of the town, entailing an estimated loss of $100,000, partially covered by insurance. Five business houses and three residences fell victime to the flames. The county court house erected two years ago was badly damaged. Cause of the fire is not known.

Several years ago Grundy, which is the seat of Buchanan county, was visited by a similar fire which destroyed the court house and all contents, including valuable records. The new structure possesses fire-proof vaults and so far as can be learned the county records were not injured by today's conflagration.

GREEK STEAMER FIRED ON.

Submarine Submerged After Seeing Ship Flew Greek Flag.

New York, Dec. 25. — The Greek steamer Ioannit arrived today from Piraeus and reported having been fired on by a submarine when about 85 miles off Kalamata, Greece.

The vessel stopped and the submarine passed close to the steamer, but submerged after seeing the Greek flag on the vessel. Captain Hajapis said he could not tell whether the under-seas boat was Austrian or German.

SELLS U. S. GUNBOAT

Navy Department Disposes of the Vicksburg to Cuba.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 25.— The Navy Department today notified the commander of the State National Guard that the gunboat Vcksburg had been sold to Cuban government. The Washington naval militia has used the vessel as a training ship for years.

SOCIALIST CONGRESS OPENS

Holding Deliberations in Paris Behind Closed Doors.

Paris, Dec. 25.—The Socialist National Congress opened here today. Its deliberations were behind closed doors. Jules Guesde, minister without port folio in the French cabinet, and many socialist members of the chamber of deputies attended. The discussions chiefly concerned the socialistic attitude towards the government's policy.

Caused by Fireworks.

An alarm was turned in to the fire department last night about 7 o'clock from box 28 on account of a fire on the roof of the residence of Mrs. H. L. Sloan, No. 215 Grace street. The blaze was only the burning out of parts of a sky rocket that had landed there from some boy's mortar. The fire was out before the department reached the scene, the roof not catching. Chief Schnibben stated last night that the damp weather had been fortunate in protecting the city against the Christmas fireworks.

DECLARES NEGRO MURDERED MISS CARRIE SELVAGE IN 1900

Two Negroes Believed to Know Much of Indianapolis Mystery.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 25.—The local police believe that two negroes under arrest here in connection with a recent hold-up can do much toward solving the mystery connected with the disappearance of Miss Carrie Selvage, in Indianapolis, in 1900. The prisoners are Rufus W. Cantrell and Edward Gowdy. The latter was until lately connected with an organization known as the "Charity Army of America."

According to the police, Cantrell and Gowdy became enemies, and Centrall told them that if he could share the reward said to have been offered for the arrest of the slayer of Miss Selvage he would reveal the murderer. He then declared Gowdy murdered the woman and that he, Cantrell later sold the body to a medical college. The officers claim that practically all of Cantrell's allegations have been verified.

Indianapolis, Dec. 25.—Miss Carrie Selvage disappeared from a sanitarium in Indianapolis in September, 1900. In 1902 Rufus W. Cantrell made a "confession" to the local police in which he told substantially the same story that he is reported to have told Detroit officers, although he did not mention the name of Edward Gowdy. Efforts of the police to corroborate Cantrell's story proved fruitless. No evidence was ever found that Miss Selvage had been murdered.

FORD PARTY FAILS TO AROUSE PEACE SENTIMENT

No Official Recognition is Given by the Swedish Peace League.

Stockholm, via London, Dec. 26. — The members of the Ford peace expedition have held various meetings in an endeavor to arouse a peace sentiment in Sweden. These meetings were not accorded an official character. The Swedish Peace and Arbitration League decided that it was unable officially to recognize the peace expedition because the expediton came without official recognition in America. Those who have been in charge of the expedition since Mr. Ford's departure for the United States, say that they are still without a definite programme of procedure.

The members of the peace mission will leave Stockholm next Wednesday, and arrive at Copenhagen Thursday. Information has been received that it will be impossible to go to The Hague through Germany. Hence this will necessitate the chartering of a steamer from Denmark and proceeding to The Hague by the sea. The peace session will end about January 7, when most of the members of the party will return to the United States.

PREACHED "THOU SHALT NOT KILL" EVEN DURING WAR.

Woman Seventh Day Adventist Missionary on Trial for Treason.

Cologne, via London, Dec. 25.—Elly Russ, a woman missionary at Cologne, the head of a small section of Seventh Day Adventists, who preached the practical application of the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," even under war conditions, is on trial here before a court martial charged with treason and with having incited members of the arm yto defy discipline. The alleged offense consisted of commendation of the desertion of Adventists who were soldiers and a declaration that the 16,000 Adventist soldiers who have acted commendably if they had refused to fire against the foe.

The prosecution demanded an explanatory sentence, declaring it was impossible to allow so dangerous a person to remain at large during war time. The defender asked an examination as to her sanity.

It was testified that the accused with a few followers, was expelled from the Adventist church, a majority of the Adventists holding that they were justified in fighting a defensive war.

DENSE FOG IN CHESAPEAKE BAY HINDRANCE TO SHIPPING.

Negro Drowned When Schooner Rams Small Sailing Vessel.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 25.—With spring-like weather in Norfolk and along Chesapeake Bay ports a dense fog enveloped the entire section today, interfering with traffic and costing at least one life.

The schooner Southland, of the Norfolk & Western Steamboat Company, rammed and sank a small sailing vessel near Fort Hunt. A negro deck hand was drowned. The captain was picked up by the Southland and landed at Old Point.

Reports in marine circles that lives were lost in this accident were denied by officials of the steamboat company here.

The Old Dominion steamer from New York was half an hour late and was unable to stop at Old Point on account of the inability of the captain to distinguish the pier in the fog.

Paris, Dec. 25.—A Havas dispatch from Venice says it has been decided not to hold the 12th international exposition of arts in Venice in 1916.

Latest Photos of Actress Who Is Near Death.

These photographs of the great Sarah Bernhardt, who is reported to be near death, are the very latest taken of her. She posed for them less than a month ago. They were obtained by John Tippett, European representative of the Universal Film Manufacturing Company, for its screen production, "Jeanne Dore," Mme. Bernhardt told Mr. Tippett many facts about her life.

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THEATRICAL

Although yesterday was a holiday, the advance sale of seats for "The Battle Cry of Peace" was brisk all day. Indications point to a very large crowd for the night performance tomorrow, and that means record-breaking crowds for Tuesday and Wednesday. It takes one day for "The Battle Cry of Peace" to catch on in every city—the second day is always twice the first day's attendance—invariably.

"The Battle Cry of Peace" is a great, throbbing dramatic production, in which a cast of twenty-two brilliant stars, headed by Mr. Charles Richman, collaborate with more than eight thousand others in the cast to weave a story of absorbing interest around the biggest theme ever attempted for any photoplay production—the entire destruction of a great world power (America).

"The Battle Cry of Peace" ran seven solid months at the Vitagraph Theatre in New York city at $2 a seat. On the opening night twelve thousand witnessed the production and twenty-five thousand were turned away. This is from the columns of the New York World of next morning. The World also stated that the reserves were called out to beat back the crowds that were clamoring for admittance and could not be accommodated.

Wilmington is slow to take to the bigger motion pictures—but will wake up with the presentation of "The Battle Cry of Peace" next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It's the biggest amusement undertaking ever attempted in Wilmington, and meant an outlay of several hundred dollars for the three days.

Mary Pickford at Royal.

It is rarely indeed that the motion public has been privileged to witness so exquisitely artistic a performance as that of Mary Pickford in the Famous Players screen adaptation of John Luther Long's immortal classic, "Madame Butterfly." The screen version of this famous love tale, celebrated in opera, novel and play, has preserved and enhanced all the poetic beauty and tenderness of the original, and has starred beautiful Mary Pickford, "The Darling of the Screen," as "Madame Butterfly."

As the forsaken Cho-Cho-San, the little maid of the Flowery Kingdom, patiently waiting through the long months for the return of her faithless American husband, Mary Pickford presents an innocent, confiding, pathetic figure, who proceeds through her many sorrows with unconquerable courage and endurance. Only an actress of Miss Pickford's remarkable magnetism and dramatic power could have presented a pantomimic impersonation of this famed character that will stand comparison with the artisty of the stage on operatic standards already established.

For pure pathos and dramatic appeal, the photo-production of "Madame Butterfly" at the Royal tomorrow, has few equals in the whole realm of fiction, stage or screen.

Billie Ritchie at Bijou.

Billie Ritchie, the greatest comedian who ever brought a house to its knees with laughter, appears at the Bijou tomorrow in the greatest two-reel laugh-provoker ever filmed, entitled "Sin on a Sabbath," co-starring with Louise Orth Gene Rogers. Alice Howell, Reggie Morris, and still more of the L-Ko nuts.

"Sin on a Sabbath" starts with a roar and ends up with the niftiest bit of stage craft you have ever seen on the screen. You'll simply laugh yourself black in the face at "Sin on a Sabbath." It's catching way back to the back row, and the whole house will be in an uproar from the minute it starts till it's shoved off the screen thirty minutes after. Billie's right in the center of things all the way through, and pulls off some brand new stunts that will simply "kill" the whole house.

"The Awakening of Patsy" is a single reel Victor drama starring pretty Elsie Alberts in the leading role—a human interest story with an appeal all its own.

A rousing Nestor Comedy, "The Quiet Honeymoon" also comes in for its share of praise on tomorrow's big bill.

"The Truth About Helen."

A loving, impulsive girl is eloping—the machine breaks down—they have to go to a nearby hotel. Then scandal, with its fgorked tongue, pins the girl on its fiery coals. She is helplessly caught in political machinations which are most adroitly screened, dramatically and tensely playing with the girl's life and love—but true to rotten politics and its underground methods.

That's the basis for "The Truth About Helen," a great four-act Edison feature drama at the Grand tomorrow. It's a feature so far out of the ordinary that it should be on a feature programme, as it is too big, too interesting and too absorbing for a regular programme release. It's replete with fast action, knitting an absorbing plot of love, lust and politics, a feature that for fullness of interest, tenseness of dramatic incidents, cannot he measured in mere footage. Seen in the leading roles are beautiful Grace Williams, co-star with Robert Conness.

MARY PICKFORD,

In Her Greatest Characterization, "Madame Butterfly," at the Royal Monday

CHARLES RICHMAN

Heading the Superb Cast of Stars in "The Battle Cry of Peace."

Minister Who United Presidential Couple

Rev. Herbert Scott Smith

The Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, pastor of St. Margaret's church, Washington, performed the marriage ceremony between President Wilson and Mrs. Galt. He is Mrs. Galt's pastor. She recently joined St. Margaret's, and she chose him for the ceremony.

LUMBERTON CHRISTMAS BUSINESS FAR BETTER

And the Season Much "Bigger" Than Last Year's.

False Fire Alarm Results in Injury to Fireman and Property Loss—Travel Heavy—Cotton Mill People Made Happy.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 25.—Christmas is being celebrated here in the most orderly, quiet way, everybody seemingly enjoying the day to the fullest extent. The difference between this Christmas season and that of a year ago is so great that there is no comparison. Merchants who sold Christmas goods have done a fine business, those who have been heard to express themselves saying they were well satisfied. Town was full of people yesterday and trading was in a rush.

Few fire crackers have been heard compared with the past. While it is against the law of town to pop firecrackers, and no one is licensed to sell them, a few have found their way into the hands of the youngsters who delight in making a noise, regardless of results. Horns, bells and other noise makers took the place of the "baby wakers" last night, and there was some noise.

The express and post offices were two of the busiest places in town, all past records being broken, but when the postoffice closed last night every package received for town people had been delivered. The express office delivered town packages, and only those for the country remain undelivered. The quarts delivered during the week will reach up into the thousands, and, while hundreds and hundreds were delivered yesterday, and there was much evidence of drinking up to a late hour last night, it had not been necessary to lock any one up.

All things considered, it is the opinion of many that Lumberton has had and is having a large Christmas. Appropriate Christmas services have been held at the various churches and hundreds of little ones have been made happy by receiving presents from Christmas trees.

In company with Dr. Grantham yesterday your correspondent visited the Lumberton Cotton Mills store and the sight we saw was something to be long remembered with pleasure. Upstairs a Christmas basket had been arranged for each family having a member connected with the mills. Nine clerks had spent several hours the night before packing and arranging baskets. It required about 300 baskets for the Lumberton and Dresden mill village, the market value of each basket being $2. Besides these two mills, the Jennings mill people, same management, were given the same kind of baskets. The National Mill employes were treated in like manner. It is estimated that more than $1,000 has been spent by the four mills in making their employes happy at Christmas time.

This morning about 10 o'clock some one turned in a false alarm of fire. The auto fire truck started for the location indicated. In turning the corner at Fourth and Elm streets the truck went upon the sidewalk, knocked out a large pane of glass, broke a spring and threw Fireman Burt Edmund against the building. By coming in contact with the broken glass or otherwise his wrist was badly cut and he was otherwise bruised.

Mr. N. H. Jones, who has been confined for some time o naccount of sickness, is reported better. Dr. E. J. Wood came up from Wilmington Thursday to see him.

The Star correspondent was looking forward to Christmas with pleasant anticipations, but something had to happen to mar his pleasure. Mr. M. G. McKenzie, county treasurer, superintendent of two Sunday schools and the writer does not know what else, got busy and circulated the report all over town that The Star man was terribly mad with him because he had found out that he (Mac) was the best looking. Come to think of it, Mr. McKenzie is a pretty man. He says all the ladies are crazy about him.

Up to last night, Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd says he had sold 38 marriage licenses in seven days, 14 of them having been sold yesterday. A fellow who left here in 1908 owing Mr. Floyd nearly $20 for groceries returned to town yesterday and paid up. Mr. Floyd was the picture of satisfaction last night.

Some time ago a family from Florida passed through Lumberton going to Elizabethtown to visit relatives. They went with Conductor Weeden from Lumberton to St. Pauls in making the trip. Yesterday Superintendent Russell received a box of oranges from those people with a letter requesting him to deliver the oranges to Captain Weeden, stating that they could never forget his kindness to them and they desired in a small way to show their appreciation.

Rev. Jud McNeill, a colored "divine", went to the chain gang this week to spend nearly six months, all because he took a pair of pants from Mr. Weinstein's store and wouldn't stop when asked to do so.

A marriage of much interest was solemnized in the parlor of the Thompson hotel yesterday afternoon, Mr. Wm. D. Gaddy, of this county, and Miss Lizzie Gaddy, of Dillon county, South Carolina, being the contracting parties; Rev. C. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated. Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper, Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd all were present at the marriage and were recorded as the witnesses, probably the only record of the kind in the county. The three officials are personal friends of the groom.

With this issue of The Star the Lumberton correspondent closes another eyar's work, having had the good fortune not to miss a Sunday during the year. If we have been the means of entertaining or benefiting any one we are glad. If we have hurt or offended any one, we are sorry. While we try to write we are going to tell the truth and, as far as possible, tell nothing when the feelings of a mother, sister, wife or sweetheart are to be hurt. We love the ladies and feel proud of it. We wish every one a Happy New Year.

Your correspondent desires through the columns of The Star to thank the many friends who have so kindly remembered him this Christmas. He has been remembered by friends in six states, and appreciates the friendship of these friends more than anything in the world. Our good friend, Mr. W. H. Yopp, of Wilmington, sent us a box of shell oysters and we are busy today roasting and eating.

Among the attractions at the express office yesterday morning was a pair of "hog bears", being shipped from Bolton to Dublin. They had to spend three hours here and were viewed by hundreds of people.

Mr. S. F. Craft and family moved this week to Charlotte, where they expect to reside in the future. Mr. Craft will be connected with the Commercial National Bank of that city.

During the past 36 hours the Seaboard ticket agent has sold between $300 and $400 worth of tickets to people going away to spend the holidays or those who came shopping and returned home. The V. & C. S. also has been handling many passengers.

Chief of Police Redfern is still confined to his room, improving slowly. His many friends sincerely hope for his early recovery.

Mr. Ira B. Townsend has assumed the duties of the office of town clerk and treasurer, to which he was recently elected, succeeding Mr. Grover T. Page, who resigned. W. S. W.

SUNDAY SERVICES

First Presbyterian church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. John M. Wells, D. D., pastor: Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 8 by Dr. Wells. Sunday school in the afternoon at 3:30. Christian Endeavor in the evening at 7:15. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. All cordially invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Market and Sixth streets, Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor: Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 8. Topic of sermons: Morning: "The Meaning of God's Gift;" evening, "Publish Good Tidings." Sunday school in the afternoon at 3:30. Visitors always welcome. Mengert Missionary Society and Christian Association meet on Monday.

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran church, Fourth and Harnett streets, Rev. G. W. McClanagan, pastor: Services in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Sermon subjects: Morning, "The Message of the Angels."; evening, "The Shepard's Response." Special Christmas music at both services Christmas service by the Sunday school Tuesday evening at 7:30. All are most cordially welcomed to these services.

Winter Park Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor: Services in the evening at 7:30, conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 3:30. Midweek service Wednesday evening at 7:45. Residents of Winter Park are all cordially invited to the services.

Delgado Presbyterian church: Services in the evening at 7:30, conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 10:15 in the morning. Midweek service Thursday evening at 7:30. Visitors invited to attend all services.

Bethany Presbyterian church: Services in the morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 3:30 in the afternoon. Christian Endeavor meeting in the evening at 7:30. Public cordially invited to the services.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, Rev. deF. Heald, Jr., rector: Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Full service and sermon at 11. Repetition of Christmas music. Evening prayer and sermon at 8. All seats free. Every one cordially invited.

Christian Science Society, church edifice Seventeenth and Market streets: Services in the morning at 11. Subject "Christian Science." Sunday school at 12:15. Testimonial meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15. Free reading room in the Murchison aNtional Bank building, open daily, except Sundays and holidays, from 4 to 6:30 in the afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the reading room.

St. Marys Pro-Cathedral, Fifth avenue and Ann streets: First mass in the morning at 7. Last mass and sermon at 10:30. Vespers in the evening at 8.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Rev. W. R. Noe, rector—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., by Mr. Israel H. Noe. Archdeacon Thos. P. Noe will preach at 7:30 P. M. at the Church of the Ascansion.

HELD WITHOUT BAIL.

Two Men With Load of Liquor Run Down Child at Franklinton.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleighh, N C., Dec. 24.—Charged with running over and dangerously injuring the child of a man named Macon, in Franklinton, and with having an unlawful amount of liquor in their possession, D. H. Price and W. N. McGhee were held without bond in the city jail last night. The telegram to Chief Koonce, from Franklinton's chief, said the two men ran over the child and steamed up to escape. W. P. Matthews, who owns the car, was first arrested, but proved no connection with the whiskey or the accident. The policeman captured the men and whiskey, 80 pints and 20 half pints, out from Raleigh. McGhee gave bail today and was released.

POURED GASOLINE INTO FIRE.

Foolhardy Act Results in Death of One Child, if Not Two.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 25.—One small negro child is dead, another is expected to die, and two others are badly seared, as the result of a foolhardy act of Isaiah Grady, a Bucklesberry colored man. Grady and his four children were seated about an open fire when the man, who was himself lightly burned, poured gasoline into the fire Grady is alleged to have been drunk. The nheriff is investigating.

Pure religion is the best restraint of crime, while poverty is often a mere deterent.

Every man is the master of his own mind, and can make himself what he wills.

TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS—CAROLINA PLACE.

Property holders of Carolina Place desiring to avoid paying cost of connections to sewerage extension now being made will be required to sign application for for such connections prior to January 1st, 1916. For the convenience of such property holders, blank applications have been placed at Mann's Store, 17th and Market streets.

W. F. JONES,
de27-1t Councilman.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NEW HANOVER COUNTY—Notice.

The undersigned, having been appointed and duly qualified as administratrix of the estate of Richard S. Rose, deceaned, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to exhibit the same before me on or before the 23rd day of December, 1916, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 23rd day of December, 1915.

CORNELIA A. ROSE,
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Takes Match at Raleigh from Canadian Middleweight "Champion."

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 25.—Charles Kaiser, of Raleigh, beat Carroll Gardner, Canadian middleweight championship claimant, in a hot return match tonight in straight falls, winning first with front full Nelson in 26 minutes and the second in 17 minutes, with body and head hold. Connor Albright, who claims the middleweight belt from Joe Turner, challenged Kaiser at the close.

EX-MAYOR SHOT TO DEATH.

Henry Lively, of Norcross, Ga., Killed by D. W. A. Knuckels.

Norcross, Ga., Dec. 25.—Henry Lively, former mayor of Norcross, was shot and killed on the streets here late today. D. W. A. Nuckels with whom Lively is said to have quarreled today, surrendered to the police. Lively is survived by a widow and two children.

There is more education in example than in all the theories of the world.

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And Lavender's scent, so lasting-sweet,
Reminded me of You.

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TOP O' THE MORNING

Would He find room, the human Christ
Whom once the manger cave sufficed?
The Son of Man who loathed pretense
To whom all caste was foul offense?
Would He find room who would not care
A whit for incense, psalm, or prayer
From those who need to learn again
That love to God is love to men?
O ye who are so slow to see
God is in all humanity,
Who still go stumbling to your doom—
Would He find room? Would He find room?
—SELECTED.

About the only man that men love is the inner man.

Never Stop on the brink of a precipice to engage in a wrangle.

A few failures are nothing so long as there are other chances of success.

Says the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: "Senator LaFollette says he is going to spring a surprise." We would not be at all surprised.

"Never hit a man when he's down," but in the case of Villa and a great many others the best rule is to put them under foot so they won't need to be hit.

When some people are brow beaten they are too proud to fight such a thing as a brow beater. They go right on 'sif nobody worth noticing had frowned upon them.

Uncle Rastus says it appears to him that Colonel Roosevelt is "tryin' to make mos' of us b'lieve he knows de unknoable, can do de undoable and can unscrew de unscrutible." Unk Rastus is right.

One way some men have of getting on the good side of a woman is to tell her that the whole world ought to know the fine qualities that she keeps hidden from it on account of her retiring disposition.

None of us are sure of getting where we are trying to go, but we are on the way with others who will get there whether we do or not. Moses only got in sight of the Promised Land himself, but he carried forward the movement till success was in sight.

Buffalo Bill has been lecturing for preparedness and he thinks the people are overwhelmingly in favor of it, Colonel Bryan has been delivering orations against preparedness and he thinks the people are opposed to it. What the two gentlemen think they "think" is what they hope.

Time is flying and it will soon reach 1916 without making a halt at the threshold of Janus—the two-faced man who has a face looking back over the old year and a forward-looking face which is looking towards the unknown future. Some of us are looking back but others are looking forward.

A self-made man hardly knows himself after he gets married. His wife will claim that she made him what he is and he will always live under the suspicion that his mother-in-law furnished her the rules and regulations for making something different out of him from what he had made of himself.

A Nebraska man came East and told everybody he met that he was from the famous state of Nebraska. On one occasion he was asked what Nebraska was famous for, but he said he was not able to go into details. He could only express the idea that his state was famous, but he could not give a comprehensive account of its resources. He knew all about politics and politicians, but really knew nothing definite about his state. A state is just as famous as the people make it and are able to make it known to those abroad. What is North Carolina famous for? Know your state and you can then answer that very simple question—unless you carry a booklet relating the main resources of the State.

CHRISTMAS.

With the dawn of yesterday there was ushered in the world's greatest religious festival day. There came with it a spirit of thankfulness, of satisfaction, of joyousness, of gladness. Christmas is observed or celebrated according to the spirit which animates us or the condition in which it finds us. Perhaps some have reason to be sad, but Christmas does not furnish that reason. On the contrary, it furnishes the reason why we should rejoice, because it is recognized as the birthday of Him who came to comfort and to save. Some may have reason to be happier than others during this season, but the reasons for their happiness are different from those which Christmas furnishes, but they all have the same reason to rejoice as did the Wise Men of the East, whose reason therefor was the birth of Immanuel, who came as the light of the world. He came to bring a message of love and peace and the true doctrine guiding mankind in the way and manner of being happier while they live and to bring a message of hope for resurrection into eternal life—the true life for which man some day must lay down the life here on earth. For the true reason why the Christian world rejoices at this season read Matthew I, 2 to 12.

The Holy Messenger, who came as the Good Book says, came in that manner to bring a message of "peace on earth and good will towards man." He came to teach the world how peace and good will towards man can be brought about, and the gospel He left with us as to that includes this injunction: "Love thy neighbor as thyself." We must all admit if we did that there would be nothing but peace in the world and good will towards man. All men could have nothing but good will towards each other, if that spirit animated all men. That is what Christianity means.

Christ left with us the rules for living clean, upright lives, and His injunctions for so doing are numerous, while the reward promised is not only one of comforting assurance while we live a conscience-free life—fre from worry, strife, envy, hatred, malice and remorse—but a far richer life when the mortal takes on immortality. If that be possible, there must be a resurrection from one state into another, and so Christ assured the world of the resurrection of the material body into the spiritual body. He did not leave man in doubt as to that, otherwise man could not possibly conceive how that is possible. However, Jesus impressed us with its possibility by citing us to it in the parable of the grain of wheat—sown as one body (grain) and coming forth into new life with another body—a strange phenomenon of passing from one state into another because of the life germ inherent in the grain. Men do not understand the wheat life, how it is possible for it to be only a life germ now and later on come forth into a field of glorious green, yet again coming to its matured purpose of providing bread for man. Even more mysterious to man is his own life—first as an infant, wailing and helpless, later to grow into a matured person with intellect and reason, then again to go back to earth—"of dust thou art and to dust shalt thou return."

What a world of gloom this would be if man really believed that he would sooner or later return to dust and be dust forever! Christ came on earth to remind man that such will not be his state or fate, but that he will rise again into another life—another state. While on earth He led the kind of life He enjoined upon us to live. His death on the cross typified how we can bear crosses and even have our lives sacrificed here on earth, yet triumph over death by resurrection into a new life which knows no death.

The Christian world may be heedless of its way of observing or celebrating Christmas Day, but Christian people instinctively and perhaps unconsciously rejoice in the festival because of its real meaning to mankind and the world—the real reasons furnished in the mission and life of One without spot or blemish. Christmas is celebrated because of the hope of which it is the reminder.

While we celebrated this Christmas in America amid peace and plenty, a mist of blood hangs over Europe amidst the scourge of war. Over there are human sacrifices by the tens of thousands—sacrifices to man's folly. There are those who have marveled that Christianity has not averted this awful holocaust and some have even railed and scoffed. War comes because of a lack of Christianity and not in spite of it. Man has not obeyed the behest of Christianity, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." He has gone his own way, sowing the whirlwind and reaping the whirlwind. Christianity was not offered to him as a miracle to prevent war and obviate all the frailties of the world, but it offers man the precepts, which, if accepted, and lived up to, would make war impossible. It is no reflection on Christianity that man does not love his neighbor as he does himself, for it is man himself who has rejected the true way of peace, has despised the precepts which mean peace and good will towards man and who has depended on his own power, which is but weakness that is powerless in the maddening maelstrom of war. Man's own will draws him into the vortex of a mighty conflict and he pits himself against the merciless besom of destruction.

We could wish you nothing better than that you had a very merry Christmas and feel no worse this morning after on account of it.

FAYETTEVILLE WANTS TO CELEBRATE.

We understand that the people of Fayetteville take kindly and enthusiastically to The Star's suggestion that the completion of the canalization of the Cape Fear is an event worthy of being fitly celebrated. However, our proposition was for Wilmington to make the occasion one of a momentous character on the part of our business public as host to Fayetteville and all the zone tributary to the modernized waterway.

On the other hand, rather than to the contrary, Fayetteville wants to celebrate. We are glad to hear it, and we confess that it was on account of Fayetteville and because of her initiative that the Government undertook the conalization project. It is enough that either or both Wilmington and Fayetteville appreciate the opportunity to have a waterway jubilee, and as to the upper Cape Fear point of view concerning that the Fayetteville Observer says:

"The Wilmington Star of Tuesday carried an excellent editorial entitled, 'Canalization Celebration,' in which it is suggested that the people of Wilmington, Fayetteville and contiguous territory celebrate in Wilmington the completion of the canalization of Cape Fear river from Fayetteville to Wilmington, which will have been completed about January 1, 1917. The people of Fayetteville have already taken the first steps toward a proper celebration of that important event, and we would suggest that Wilmington and the balance of the Cape Fear section join with us in that celebration."

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"We recently called attention to the fact that navigation companies are now making preparations to place on the Mississippi river steel propeller barges to ply between New Orleans and St. Louis. These barges make a high rate of speed and are designed to compete with railroad traffic, the old-style steamers having lost practically all business on account of their slowness. We also called attention to the fact that a revival of extensive navigation of the Mississippi is to be brought about by 'co-ordinative river-rail-ocean terminal facilities' at New Orleans and St. Louis. With New Orleans and St. Louis blazing the way in the utilization of co-ordinate river-rail-ocean terminal facilities, Wilmington and Fayetteville will find it comparatively easy to follow the same system, and under such a system the development of the Cape Fear section and the making of Fayetteville a great distributing point will really assume tangible shape.

"Yes, we agree with The Star that the completion of the canalization of Cape Fear river should be fittingly celebrated by the people of all the Cape Fear section, and of all of North Carolina for that matter, for it is going to be of great benefit to the whole State; but Fayetteville is the place for the celebration to be held; first, because the project was started by a citizen of Fayetteville and nursed and struggled for by him at a personal expense of $5,000 until it was put upon its feet; second, because Fayetteville is the head of navigation and the objective point of the canalization scheme. The canalization is a Fayetteville scheme, and its completion should be celebrated in Fayetteville first.

"Minister Hale, the father of the project, has already been invited by the government of Fayetteville to come home from his foreign post to be present at the celebration and make the first official trip through the canal—the time to be set to suit his convenience by the citizens of Fayetteville and the Chamber of Commerce. Senators Jones and Berry, of Arkansas, the first national staunch supporters of the project, are both dead, but Chief Justice Walter Clark, Secretary of Navy Josephus Daniels, Hon. G. B. Patterson, Hon. W. W. Kitchin, Hon. F. M. Simmons, Hon. Lee S. Overman, Hon. H. L. Godwin and others who helped Major Hale in the scheme, will be invited to be present and take part in the celebration. The Star can rest assured that a big delegation from New Hanover will be invited."

The Observer reasons quite logically, to be sure, but The Star wishes to say that it was unaware, or had overlooked the fact, that Fayetteville "has already taken the first steps towards a proper celebration." Futhermore, any celebration that Wilmington might undertake would not be intended in any sense to offset one on the upper Cape Fear. Indeed, both cities have every reason to celebrate and they would overlook a magnificent opportunity to emphasize a tremendous advantage were they to neglect to get up a big hurrah over the completion of a deep navigable channel from city to city, through a splendid portion of the State. The waterway cleaves more than 100 miles of rich territory on either side of the Cape Fear, and that whole section's magnificent adaptabilities and its increased advantages by means of water transportation enable Wilmington and Fayetteville all the more to appreciate the element in it for the development of the intermediate region.

Therefore, the sister Cape Fear cities should co-operate in a rousing celebration, jointly, singly and severally, just so it is done to the queen's taste. Let Wilmington and Fayetteville get together as to that, and perhaps it is possible to feature the celebration by having it in Fayetteville and in Wilmington, a sort of double-barrel affair, beginning in one with a great flourish of trumpets and winding up in the other with a concert of big noise for the matchless Cape Fear country.

AN EXAMPLE OF MERCY.

Pity is a virtue but mercy is putting that virtue into practice. That is what Governor Craig has done in going as far as he could reasonably do so to show mercy to the State's convicts at this season when we celebrate the birth of Him who came upon earth to be the living example of the great mercy of the Maker of Mankind. At a season which quickens the benevolent spirit in man, it does credit to Governor Craig's heart to give a kindly thought to those who are in prison and under bond, while the millions are free to enjoy this great religious festival in a Christian land. The Governor has done a good thing, whether or not the convicts prove the wisdom of their benefactor at the instance of the Christmas spirit. Probably it may be an experiment, as the action of the Governor impresses the Raleigh Times, which comments upon it as follows:

"We shall watch with the greatest interest what is bound to be the instructive outcome of Governor Craig's good-hearted departure in offering three days' holiday parole to State prisoners who have become 'trusties' and a holiday from work for a like period for all who are confined in the penitentiary, on the farms, and in the jails.

"In so acting the Governor is making what appears to be a sane experiment in the beginnings of the new doctrine of more privileges for prisoners, which in its philosophy is the application of the rule of kindness in the hope of reform, rather than that of severity for impressing the fact of punishment. That the question is a difficult one, the experience of every one of the 'model' wardens has shown; that the theory on which it is based is one that it will take the best wisdom and the longest sort of practice either fully to justify or condemn, is apparent; but that there will grow out of the movement a bettered condition for convicts and a clearer realization of their problem by the State cannot be doubted."

Men in durance vile are bound by the circumstances to regard the State as a relentless sovereign whose servants clang the prison doors behind the convicts who enter to serve terms for their crimes. Probably they do not know that a harsh sovereign may be tempered by the man who holds that sovereignty in trust for the people. The man at the outer gate of the State's prison is the Governor of North Carolina, whose mercy is that of the State and whose word sets men free, gives them respite, or mitigates the harshness of their unfortunate condition. At any rate, it should be impressed upon them so they may be able to realize that the hand of the law is not land upon them in vengeance but in the necessity of restraining them because of their own deeds.

Doubtless the Governor has accepted the benevolent sentiment that imprisonment should be more corrective than punitive. While the State lays hands upon a man and deprives him of his liberty and his freedom, it is being reminded not to forget each man who has been the cause of his own misfortune. The idea now is to make a convict realize that, while he brought his misfortune upon himself, the State is not his oppressor but his protector. It sees to it that he shall not escape, but it also should endeavor to give the convict a new chance, with the State's help, to make himself a better man after he serves his sentence and has restored to him renewed freedom of opportunity to make a more law abiding member of the society which he had once outraged by his unlawful acts.

The man who does wrong incurs the penalty of the law, but may it not be so that the Golden Rule shall be so invoked as that there may be no added or unnecessary penalties for a man in the keeping of the State? "Do unto others as you would that men should do unto you," if you were a fellow man in prison and without a helping hand to be stretched out in the gloom of confinement.

If the Indians had been in a state of preparedness, every one of us would have been Europeans. However, the efficiency and effectiveness of any people's preparedness depends upon the scope of their intelligence and knowledge of science. One people's preparedness is no match for that of another. The Indian seems to have thought they were adequately prepared. He was in his way but it was a mighty poor way.

The New York American warns war correspondents against lying, but the correspondents know their business. They have to make themselves popular with whichever side permits them to hang around camp. The truth would be crushed to earth along with the correspondent who would nose around after the actual truth.

CURRENT COMMENT.

That country does well which sees to it that its history is made certain for the future, that those things of today which have to do with its life are recorded that coming generations may know what has been done by their forbears, and may say to the world: "Here are the facts." In the War Between the States the part played by the soldiery of North Carolina was no mean or insignificant part. Therefore while there is yet time the deeds done by those men should be made of record, so that in the days to come it may be known that the record is one of facts, not figments of the mind. And so it is that we most heartily congratulate the North Carolina Confederate Veterans' Association on the good news in the announcement made that $25,000 has been raised as a fund with which to pay the cost of having written the history of North Carolina as it pertains to the days of '61-'65. It is a fine thing to know that men who were engaged in that terrific contest are themselves taking the initiative in a cause which must appeal to the heart of every son and daughter of the South. The State, as well as the Confederate Veterans, is to be congratulated. The part its sons played in that historic struggle was such as to shed lustre upon the record of a people who from the Days of the Fathers have ever been in the forefront of the battles for justice and liberty. That there is to be put in form which will endure those things which tell of the deeds of its sons in the days which tried the souls of men is a matter of rejoicing.—Raleigh News and Observer.

The final completion of the work of canalization on the Cape Fear river is set for January 1, 1917, a few days over 12 months hence. The suggestion of the Wilmington Star for a celebration commemorating the important event is entirely in order and it is not at all out of place for the people of Wilmington and Fayetteville, the two cities most directly interested, to prepare early. The Observer never tires of dwelling on the immense possibilities to North Carolina's commercial development through the establishment of an all-the-year-around deep channel in the Cape Fear from the bar off Southport to the head of navigation at Fayetteville, by which steamships of considerable draft may float about 140 miles into the interior of the State. Fayetteville will be made a commercial port—we believe the farthest inland in the United States. With the completion of this canal the river traffic of the Cape Fear will not only be restored to its old-time glory, but to a glory never dreamed of in the days of old steamboat men, for ships of commerce will take the place of the flat-bottomed, stern-wheeled, lazy-going craft of the tar, pitch and turpentine period. It will be possible for small ocean-going steamers to carry cargoes from New York, Baltimore or other markets direct to the Fayetteville docks for unloading, and the new commerce will have the advantage over the old of economy in both time and expense. The day that marks the completion of this work will be a day of celebration by the entire State, for every town will feel the commercial benefits of it. There is a discussion as to whether Wilmington or Fayetteville should be selected as the city of celebration. That question should be waived without further ceremony. Both towns should celebrate. It should be made a joint event—a double-barreled affair, with a great to-do at the sea-blue mouth, as well as the red-clay head of the stream, with excursions to and fro on its waters. The Wilmington and Fayetteville papers would do well to give the proposition an early start and warm up the work with the approach of spring. And the celebration should be confined to no period less than a week.—Charlotte Observer.

AMERICAN AMBULANCE DRIVER IS KILLED ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

Richard M. Hall, of Ann Arbor, Mich., Loses Life in France.

Paris, Dec. 25.—Richard Melville Hall, of Ann Arbor, Mich., a volunteer driver attached to that section of the American ambulance operating with the French army at Alsace, was killed Christmas eve in the performance of his duties.

Hall was the 21-year-old son of Prof. H. G. Hall, of the University of Michigan. He was one of a group of Dartmouth College recruits who entered the ambulance service last June and when killed, he was driving a Dartmouth College field ambulance. He will be given a military funeral at the front tomorrow. The details of his death have not yet been learned.

L. C. Doyle, of Worcester, Mass., was slightly wounded at the same time. Doyle is a graduate of Yale. He joined the ambulance service last September.

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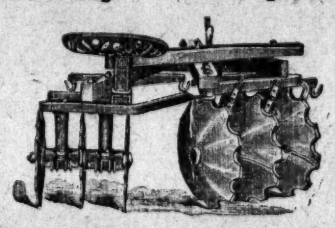

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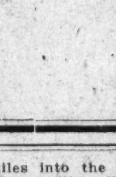

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AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS DAY FOR WILMINGTON

Observance of Holiday Was Quietest in Years

The Weather Conditions Were Almost Perfect—All Business Suspended and People of City Spent the Day at Homes.

Wilmington had an ideal Christmas. That is always the case with the children but this year the ruling fates were kind and everything seemed to fit in for making it just the kind of day that all could enjoy. Santa Claus came laden with gifts and in thousands of homes received a royal welcome. Business was suspended in celebration of the holiday and quietude reigned supreme over the city, save for the occasional banging of firecrackers. Practically everybody stayed at home and enjoyed a Christmas dinner and in the afternoon, many visited friends or went to the theatres.

The weather man had forecasted rain but his prediction fell flat and while it was cloudy for a part of the day, it was warm and pleasant. Early last night the southwest wind began to blow almost with the velocity of a gale, bringing with it a driving rain, but this did not continue for but a short while.

Chief of Police Williams stated last night that it was the quietest Christmas he had known during the 17 years he has been connected with the police department. There was less drunkenness and fewer arrests made than has been the case in a number of years. There were a few inclined to be boisterous but for the most part Wilmington people were sober.

Christmas is intimately associated with the home life and those who had a home to go to were glad of the opportunity to do so. Those who did not, wished that they could for there was little attraction down town.

The moving picture theatres were visited by hundreds of people yesterday and last night and furnished a quiet means of diversion that appealed to sober minded people.

Services were held in a number of churches during the morning and these were well attended. On Friday night several Christmas trees were given by Sunday schools and other organizations but last night was given over to restful quietude at home.

The postoffice and the express office finished up the work of delivering Christmas presents yesterday and by last night had everything practically out of the way. There was an enormous business done which showed in a very concrete way the improved conditions as compared with last year.

The spirit of good fellowship reigned supreme in the City by the Sea and the exchange of presents continued all day yesterday, although a majority had looked after this feature prior to that time.

The Christmas dinner is always a big feature of the celebration and it is safe to say that the average dinner served yesterday was equal to that of any city anywhere. In most instances it was a home dinner without visitors although quite a few remembered the stranger and invited him in.

The poor were not forgotten. Hundreds of families were remembered with gifts of eatables and other things, this being made possible through the generosity of their more fortunate friends.

Through the kindness of the Yoke Fellows of the Y. M. C. A. and other kind friends, the inmates of the county home were provided with a bountiful dinner yesterday. The county convict camps had holiday and a big dinner was given the convicts. This was greatly appreciated by them.

Christmas services were held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at St. James' Episcopal church, St. John's Episcopal church, the Church of the Good Shepherd and St. Paul's Lutheran church.

Many Christmas Trees.

One of the delightful features for the children of the Yuletide holiday season are the Christmas trees and entertainments given by the various churches and Sunday schools as well as in many homes. The majority of these will be given next week but during the past week several were given.

The Sunday School of the First Presbyterian church gave a delightful Christmas entertainment on Thursday evening. Capt. W. P. Monroe was Santa Claus and did the honors of the occasion in a most becoming manner.

One of the pleasant features of the Christmas season for the pupils of Mrs. M. L. Alderman's school, No. 12 North Fifth street, is the annual visit of Santa Claus. Capt. W. P. Monroe represented "Santy" at the exercises Friday morning. The Sunbeam club of the school sent to each inmate of the Red Cross Sanitarium a Christmas stocking, filled with good things to eat.

The children attending the kindergarten of the Marion Mission at Delgado Mills had a happy time Thursday morning. A large Christmas tree stood in the school room, beautifully ornamented and laden with a profusion of presents. Everything was provided by Mr. and Mrs. James Sprunt, who at every Christmas season fill the hearts of the children with an abundance of joy.

The parents were invited to the building, and an interesting programme was rendered under the direction of Misses Robbie McIntire and Katie Lee Merriman, the teachers. There was an air of Christmas good cheer in all the exercises, which terminated in the appearance of Santa Claus, who had a hand in the distribution of the presents to the delight of the children.

The Marion Mission is an institution of sweet charity. Mr. Sprunt supports it in every detail, including the daily kindergarten and the wholesome luncheon which is served every day to the children. The institution has been conducted for more than eight years and has infused a large measure of the good graces of life into the lives of the children who have attended it. And it has had a very marked influence among all the residents of the community.

To Fortify the System Against Winter Cold.

Many users of GROVE'S TASTELESS Chill TONIC make it a practice to take a number of bottles in the fall to strengthen and fortify the system against the cold weather during the winter. Everyone knows the tonic effect of Quinine and Iron which this preparation contains in a tasteless and acceptable form. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. 50c.

APPOINTS MEMBERS OF STAFF

Major General James I. Metts, Commander of State Confederate Veterans, Issues First Order.

Major General James I. Metts, commander of the North Carolina Confederate Veterans, has announced the appointment of his staff, this being the first general order made by him since his election a few weeks ago. Col. Henry A. London, of Pittsboro, is appointed adjutant general and chief of staff. The other appointments are as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel William E. Kyle, Inspector General, Fayetteville, N. C.

Lieutenant Colonel A. H. Boyden, Quarter Master General, Salisbury, N.

Lieutenant Colonel G. H. Hall, Commissary General, Red Springs, N. C.

Lieutenant Colonel C. B. Watson, Judge Advocate General, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Lieutenant Colonel T. G. Boone, Chief of Artillery, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Lieutenant Colonel L. Leon, Chief of Ordnance, Wilmington, N. C.

Lieutenant Colonel Henry T. Bahnson, Surgeon General, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Lieutenant Colonel, E. A. Osborne, Chaplain General, Charlotte, N. C.

Major W. P. Wood, Assistant Adjutant General, Raleigh, N. C.

Major Junius Davis, Assistant Judge Advocate General, Wilmington, N. C.

Major W. D. MacMillan, Assistant Surgeon, Wilmington, N. C.

Major A. M. Powell, Ensign, Vineland, N. C.

Major Dr. Blum, Aide, Winston-Salen., N. C.

Major S. H. Smith, Aide, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Major James A. Bryan, Aide, Newbern, N. C.

Major P. H. Hanes, Aide, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Major Henry D. Duckworth, Aide, Charlotte, N. C.

Major George H. Bell, Aide, Asheville, N. C.

Captain J. H. Parker, Buglar, Smithfield, N. C.

RECORDER WAS LENIENT.

Offenders Promise to Behave Themselves and Judgments Suspended.

Recorder Empie was lenient in rendering judgments in his court Friday and the result was that nobody went to the roads but several promised to behave themselves better in the future. Eli Carr, who brought a tool chest of liquor from a Virginia city, purely for the accommodation of his friends, told Solicitor Peschau all about it and through his attorney, Woodus Kellum, Esq., entered a submission. Recorder Empie sentenced him to four months on the county roads but suspended judgment upon his promise of good behavior.

Dollie Williams, colored, charged with receiving too much whiskey, also had judgment suspended in her case. Judgment was not pronounced in the case of Maggie Bentley, a white woman, who had been convicted in two cases for selling whiskey. Recorder Empie on Thursday sentenced her to serve two months at the county farm on each charge but reconsidered the matter Friday and recognized her to appear in court Monday.

Solicitor Peschau thought that this course was rather unusual, but Recorder Empie stated that he was guided by the request of Governor Craig that trusties be given a three-day holiday for Christmas.

TRIAL MEMBERSHIP FOR NEW MEMBERS OF Y. M. C. A.

Young Men Who Have Not Joined Association Included in Number.

Realizing that there are a large number of young men in the city who should be members of the Young Men's Christian Association, but have not done so because they are not aware of the splendid advantages of the organization or because they are in doubt as to whether they would be benefited, the management has decided to give a three-month trial membership, beginning January 1st, for $3 to any applicant who has not been connected with the work in the new building, with the understanding that if he is satisfied he will continue his membership yearly from April 1st.

The membership of the association is still below the normal of 800 and it is not felt that the best work can be done with less than this number. The Boosters' Club is actively pushing the proposition to secure trial members. The special offer applies only to those who have not been members of the association since it moved into the handsome new building on Market street.

Happy Family Reunion.

Capt. and Mrs. E. Piner yesterday enjoyed the Christmas holiday with especial pleasure because of the fact that for the first time in six years, all members of the family were with them for the Christmas dinner which partook of the nature of a family reunion. The sons and daughters were Mr. V. C. Piner, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Miss Bessie Piner, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Helms, of Morehead City, and Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Piner, of Wilmington. The out-of-town members of the family will leave this week, returning to their adopted homes with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Helms, who will make their home in this city in the future.

Ride an unbridled horse rather than be led by an unruly tongue.

CHRISTMAS MAIL ENORMOUS

Postoffice Receipts Much Larger Than a Year Ago—Thanks Returned.

Postmaster H. McL. Green stated last night that by the loyal and hearty spirited help of the postoffice clerks and carriers, practically all the Christmas mail and parcel post packages going both in and out had been properly disposed of. That which came in had been delivered in the homes and that going out had been dispatched. Postmaster Green asked The Star to extend his person thanks and gratitude to the people of Wilmington for their patience and courtesies shown the postoffice help during the rush.

The increase in postoffice receipts ovre last year was stated to be enormous, there being 312 more sacks during the past week than was handled during the same last year. The parcel post had the biggest business in its record. Three wagons have been running regularly all week in the delivery to homes and trains. There were 1,364 bags, with an estimated average of 40 parcels to the bag, or more than 6,000 parcels. It is expected that the parcel post will be used extensively until Tuesday.

BIG SCHOONER DISABLED OFF THE CAPE FEAR BAR

Search for Barge in Vain; Crew Reported Rescued

Cutter Returns After Two Days—Schooner Governor Brooks to Be Towed in for Repairs Weather Drives Hyd In.

While a stiff southwest gale swept the coast last night, the five-masted schooner Governor Brooks, of 2,019 tons, Captain Wade master, lay off Cape Fear bar with her rudder head sprung, waiting for tugs to go out from Wilmington to tow the vessel into port for repairs. In the meanwhile the revenue cutter Seminole stood ready to go to the assistance of the vessel if needed, and may go out this morning to stand by until the schooner is safe. Tugs will be sent out this morning by C. D. Maffitt & Co., agents of the schooner's owners, in Bath, Me., Captain Wade notified Messrs Maffitt & Co., by wireless early last night that the vessel was disabled. The Governor Brooks was not considered in immediate danger last night.

The revenue cutter Seminole, which came into port late Friday afternoon, after searching two days and nights for the barge Potomac reported abandoned in the vicinity of Frying Pan Shoals lightship, reported that no trace of the barge had been found, though its crew were reported picked up by the steamer City of St. Louis.

On account of the severe weather outside, the four-masted schooner Frances Hyde, 383 tons, Captain Kirkby, came into Southport yesterday for safety until the storm subsides. This vessel, which is owned in Philadelphia, also reported to C. D. Maffitt & Co., agents of the owners here. The schooner was from Morgan City, La., bound for New York with lumber, having sailed from the Louisiana port December 10.

If the schooner Governor Brooks is brought into this port, it is said that it will be one of the largest sailing vessels ever seen here. It sailed from Buenos Ayres, Argentina, in October, bound for New York. The nature of the cargo is not known here.

After spending all of Wednesday and Thursday searching the ocean in the vicinity of Frying Pan Shoals for the barge Potomac, lumber laden, which broke loose from the tug Underwriter on Tuesday while being towed north, the coast guard cutter Seminole returned to Wilmington Friday without finding any trace of the lost boat. The crew of the barge, numbering three or four men, was picked up by the steamer City of St. Louis.

The Seminole left Wilmington Tuesday afternoon and went down to the mouth of the Cape Fear river. Word was received by wireless early Wednesday morning that the barge Potomac had been lost by the tug Underwriter, 23 miles northeast of Frying Pan Shoals. The Seminole immediately started in search of the lost boat, cruising directly northeast until reaching a distance beyond which the barge would hardly have drift in that length of time. The search was continued all day Wednesday and Thursday and although the atmosphere was remarkably clear, making it possible to see a distance of ten miles on the sea, nothing was seen of the vessel.

In the meantime a message was received from Charleston, S. C., stating that the tug Underwriter, after making an ineffectual effort to locate the barge, had gone to the South Carolina port. The barge was loaded with lumber and was being taken to a northern port.

Capt. Preston Uberroth, commanding the Seminole, believed that the barge had been picked up by some passing vessel and was being towed to some port, but no word to this effect had been received here yesterday.

The Seminole always spends Christmas in port unless there is some emergency call. The members of the crew enjoyed the holiday along with the rest of the city yesterday.

COUNCILMEN PRESENT GIFT TO MAYOR P. Q. MOORE.

Councilman Hall Pleasantly Remembered by the Police Force.

As a mark of personal esteem for the city's chief executive, Mayor Moore was yesterday presented with a beautiful mahogany serving table and handsome china tea set by members of City Council, City Attorney Ruark and Captain Meares, city clerk and treasurer. The gift was presented to the Mayor without ceremony, being sent to his home yesterday morning. Mayor Moore was, of course, highly appreciative of the gift.

The members of the police force presented Councilman Hall on Friday evening with a beautiful watch charm, appropriately inscribed with Masonic emblems. Mr. W. H. Blair, assistant in the office of the city clerk and treasurer, was spokesman for the policemen and performed this task in a most acceptable and pleasing manner. Councilman Hall in accepting the gift expressed his deep appreciation. The presentation was made at the roll call at the city hall Friday night.

Chief of Police Williams was pleasantly remembered with a box of cigars, the gift of the members of the "force." Other tokens of personal esteem were given him by individuals.

William J. Bellamy, Esq., presented each member of the police force with some remembrance for which each one expressed his sincere appreciation.

Brinson-Casteen Wedding.

Mr. Joseph Brinson and Miss Maggie Casteen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Brinson, were married Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Rev. J. S. Crowley, No. 508 South Third street. Mr. and Mrs. Brinson have many friends who will be interested in learning of their marriage. They will reside at No. 910 South Second street.

Men Urged to Attend.

Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church, is especially desirous that the men of his church attend the morning service today, as he desires to discuss an important matter. Services at this church will be held at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3 P. M. The public is invited.

Those who falter between love and hate are at war with themselves.

There is no religion in self-denial, but it comes a close second.

Deposit Your Gold Coin

And let it start Drawing 4 Per Cent Interest which is Compounded Quarterly At

The Peoples Savings Bank

Corner Front and Princess Streets

Our next Regular Interest Quarter Begins January 1st, and All Deposits made with us up to and including January 3rd will receive credit for interest from the First.

Begin the New Year With The "People's"

SENDS PRESIDENT GREETINGS

City Council Extends Compliments of Season—Delay Action on Water and Sewerage Matter.

The compliments of the Yuletide season were extended President Wilson by City Council at a special meeting Friday morning, when by a unanimous vote a telegram of congratulation was sent to the nation's chief executive. Mayor Moore was authorized to call a special meeting of Council some time after New Year's, to take up the proposed investigation of the water and sewerage department as suggested by Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, county health officer, in a recent communication to a special committee of Council.

Capt Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, stated that both the complaint of Dr. Nesbitt and the answers by Mr. W. E. Merritt, Superintendent of Water and Sewerage, and Mr. Arthur W. Branch, assistant superintendent, had been filed with him, but members of Council thought it would be unwise to have them published until the actual investigation was started.

The specific purpose of the meeting was to adopt a resolution renewing a note for $75,000 on January 1st, with the Murchison National Bank. The rate of interest is to be 3½ per cent. The money will be used to pay notes falling due on the first of the year.

A resolution of sympathy was extended Councilman Louis M. Bunting, who was prevented from attending the meeting because of a painful accident on Wednesday night. An appropriation of $15 was made for improving the shrubbery in Postoffice Park and Councilmen Bradshaw, Hall and Jones were appointed a committee to look into the matter of improving some trees at Third and Queen streets. An appropriation of $22.50 was made to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, to pay some overdue water bills.

Councilman Bradshaw presented a petition from citizens on Second street, between Church and Castle, asking that a light be placed in that vicinity. It was placed on the table for future consideration.

The telegram of congratulation sent President Wilson is as follows:

Wilmington, N. C., Dec 24, 1915.

To the President,
Hot Springs, Va.:

At the regular meeting of the City Council of Wilmington, N. C., held this day, the following resolution was presented and adopted by a unanimous vote:

"Resolved, That on behalf of the citizens of your old home town, the Mayor and Council of the City of Wilmington in regular business session, extend to you our most hearty congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life.

P. Q. MOORE,
Mayor.
B. A. MERRITT,
W. J. BRADSHAW,
W. F. JONES,
W. D. McCAIG,
J. M. HALL,
L. M. BUNTING,
Councilmen.
THOS. D. MEARES,
City Clerk and Treasurer.

Mr. Robert E. Lee Ill.

Many Wilmington friends of Mr. Robert E. Lee, one of Laurinburg's most prominent business men, will regret to know that after a prolonged attack of rheumatism, it has been necessary to take him to Hot Springs, Ark., where it is believed the water will be greatly beneficial to him. He was accompanied to Hot Springs by Dr. W. D. James, a trained nurse and his son-in-law, Mr. W. H. Weatherspoon, and news from the patient is that he is doing exceedingly well.

HOW TO GET RID OF CHRONIC DANDRUFF

The only sure way to get permanently rid of either oily or dry dandruff is to remove the conditions that cause it and then keep the hair and scalp in a permanent, clean, healthy, vigorous state so dandruff will never return. This beats shampoos or head washes which merely drive away dandruff for a few days at most. R. R. Bellamy and a number of other better druggists in this vicinity are now strongly recommending a harmless, inexpensive and quick acting preparation called Parisian Sage that they say is guaranteed to act directly on the cause of dandruff and which already has become known far and wide as a safe and efficient treatment which cannot possibly injure hair or scalp.

Here is a test worth trying. Get a package of Parisian Sage. Rub a little of it into the scalp with the finger tips and see for yourself how the dandruff disappears, the hair stops falling out, the itching vanishes, and a new and vigorously healthy appearance comes over the hair. Good looking hair is half the battle in any man or woman's personal appearance and nothing hurts the hair more than dandruff. Try a little Parisian Sage and begin at once to be rid of it.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company

110 PRINCESS STREET.

To All of Our Friends we wish a Pleasant Christmas and Prosperous New Year

A. B. Croom, Jr. Company

WILMINGTON, N. C.

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Read Star Business Locals.

Christmas Would Be Incomplete

Without thankfulness—and today we wish to express to the people of Wilmington and Eastern Carolina our heartiest appreciation for the wonderful amount of business given us and we have tried to give full value for every dollar in both Merchandise and Service. If we have failed to please you in either—We wish to assure you of our sincere regrets and ask that you kindly remember the strain of a Christmas rush. We feel sure our Salespeople have done their best. We are now wishing you a Merry Christmas and Health, Wealth and Happiness throughout the year.

Store Open as Usual Monday, Dec. 27th.

Belk-Williams Co.

210-212 NORTH FRONT STREET

Store Open as Usual Monday, Dec. 27th.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. Maria McLeod has returned from a visit to Florida.

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Mr. D. R. Shaw and family are spending the holidays in Florida.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Brown are spending Christmas in Philadelphia, Pa.

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Mrs. John J. Parker is visiting Mrs. John L. Maffit, No. 323 South Fourth street.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Page, of Yorkville, N. C., are spending the holidays in the city.

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The family of Mr. J. N. Brand has arrived in the city and are residing at No. 15 North Fifth street.

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Mr. Harold O. Wolf, a student at the University of North Carolina, is at home to spend the holidays with his parents.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Gerdes, No. 709 South Eighth street, have as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ellis, of Charleston, S. C.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Einstein and daughter, Miss Dorothy, left Friday afternoon for Florida, where they will spend the holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Murphy, of Greensboro, arrived here Friday to join his wife, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Covington.

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Mr. Edward Bowden is at home from Bingham School, Asheville, N. C., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bowden.

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Mrs. C. L. Porter, of Rocky Mount, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smallbones on North Third street.

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Misses Sudie and Beatrice Melvin and Mr. R. P. Melvin and Misses Maggie McCullough ,of White Oak, are visiting friends in the city.

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Misses Alice and Josephine Dickie, of Lynchburg, Va., are visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Dickie, No. 17 South Ninth street.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davis and little son, Ralph, of Lakeland, Fla., are in the city to spend Christmas with Mr. Davis' sister, Mrs. J. E. Ennett.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis Robbins, Jr., left Friday for Southport, where they will spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Drew.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Donlan, of Rocky Mount, are here to spend the holidays and to attend the 79th birthday anniversary of Mr. Donlan's father, Mr. T. Donlan.

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Judge and Mrs. J. M. Wilder, of St. Stephen's S. C., are in the city and are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Wilder, Third and Chestnut streets.

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Miss Rutherford, of Bowling Green, Ky., and Miss Marjorie, of Mount Airy, are the attractive guests during the holidays of Mrs. A. E. Townsend, No. 115 Castle street.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lucas and children, of Charlotte, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Lucas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Craft, corner Sixth and Chestnut streets.

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Mr. and Mrs. George C. Jackson announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ida Maie, to Mr. Henry Melchior Tiencken, the wedding to take place some time in March.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alan Chase Emerson have returned from their honeymoon and are at home at No. 1617 Market street. Mrs. Emerson was formerly Miss Sallie London Wright.

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Mr. W. E. Lawson, city editor of The Evening Dispatch, and Mrs. Lawson left Friday for Winston-Salem to visit relatives. Before returning to Wilmington, Mr. Lawson will make a business trip to Atlanta, Ga.

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Mr. C. L. Terry, who is a traveling salesman for the Chattanooga Medicine Company with headquarters in Chattanooga, Tenn., is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. C. G. Terry, corner Front and Church streets.

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Miss Bernardine Casey, of Baltimore, Md., is in the city to spend the Christmas holidays with the Misses Mary and Katie Donlan, No. 120 North Third street. They were present yesterday at the celebration of the 79th birthday of Mr. T. Donlan.

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Mr. Frank Keith, who is with the Department of Agriculture at one of its mines near Newbern, N. C., passed through the city on Friday on his way to Keith, N. C., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Keith.

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Miss Eloise Grantham, an attractive young lady of Hamlet, N. C., spent yesterday in the city. She left on the 6:45 train for Rocky Mount, where she will visit relatives during the holidays.

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A wedding of interest in and out of the city was that of Miss Mabel Sidbury and Mr. Harry C. Russ, of Baltimore, Md., celebrated Friday evening at the home of the bride's father, Mr. John D. Sidbury, No. 211 Meares street. Archdeacon Thomas P. Noe officiated. Only a few intimate friends of the family were present. The bride is an attractive young lady and has many friends in the city. They will make their home in Baltimore, Md., where the groom is connected with a motor truck company.

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Friends in the city and throughout the State of Miss Lucy Behrends and Mr. Charles H. Clark have received beautifully engraved cards announcing their engagement. The wedding, it is understood, will take place in the early Spring.

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Magnolia, N. C., Dec. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Scott were given a pleasant surprise today by Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Paylow and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Scott, of Wilmington, who entertained them at a sumptuous Christmas dinner. Friends joined in to make the occasion one of great pleasure for Mr. and Mrs. Scott, on account of their recent loss, all the family connections being present except Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Conk, of Dartmouth, Va., who were detained on account of sickness.

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Rev. J. A. Clark, who recently arrived from Louisville, Ky., to assume the pastorate of the Baptist churches at Winter Park, Seagate and Masonboro, has been joined by Mrs. Clark and their child, who arrived from Louisville the latter part of the week, accompanied to North Carolina by Mrs. Clark's brother, Rev. J. B. Turner, of Wake Forest, who has been studying in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and came home to spend the holidays. In a recent reference to Mrs. Clark it was inadvertently stated that she graduated from Oxford College. She is a graduate of Woman's College, Richmond, Va.

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U. D. C. BENEFIT THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK AT ROYAL.

One of the best offerings of the week in moving pictures—those of the feature kind—will be "The Mummy and the Humming Bird", made so popular in Wilmington by Paul Gilmore, which will be seen at the Royal on Thursday of this week as a benefit for Cape Fear Chapter No. 2, U. D. C., and for which elaborate arrangements are being made. Charles Cherry will be seen in the leading role and the piece has lost none of its absorbing interest in its reproduction as a picture presentation. Tickets have been sent to members of the chapter and they are expected to make returns to Mrs. F. L. Huggins or Mrs. E. K. Bryan and anyone desiring tickets may secure them by applying to either of those ladies. The benefit promises to be a great success and those who desire to see the play should get their admission tickets at once.

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ROCKY MOUNT COUPLE SURPRISE THEIR FRIENDS

Miss Elma Dove, oldest daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Dan. Dove, of Rocky Mount, and Mr. William C. Williford, a well known young business man of Rocky Mount, gave their friends a surprise yetserday, when they went quietly to the manse of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church and were united in marriage, Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St Andrew's, officiating. The ceremony was performed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Miss Dove had come to the city several days ago to spend the holidays in the home of Capt. H. C. Twininy, No. 515 North Fourth street. Her friends neither in this city nor in Rocky Mount had suspected that the wedding was to take place until yesterday, when Mr. Williford came down to the city.

They will leave in a few days for Cuba and other West Indian islands to spend their honeymoon, after which they will be at home in Rocky Mount. Captain Dove, father of the bride, is well known in this city, being a popular A. C. L. conductor.

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MR. J. H. BURNETT WEDS MISS RUTH DEATON, OF TROY.

Troy, N. C., Dec. 25.—A pretty home wedding was solemnized in Troy Wednesday evening, Miss Ruth Deaton, of Troy, and Mr. J. H. Burnett, of Burgaw, being the contracting parties.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Page, pastor of the Baptist church, at the home of the bride, in the presence of the family and a small number of friends. Following the ceremony the bridal party went in automobiles to Biscoe, where the bride and groom boarded the 5:30 P. M. train going south.

Mrs. Burnett is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Deaton, of Troy, sister of Mrs. W. T. Huntley, of Raleigh, and Mr. O. B. Deaton, register of deeds for Montgomery county; was educated at Troy high school, high school in Raleigh and Meredith College; was a member of the choir of the First Baptist church, Raleigh, also member of Meredith choir during her senior year at college; organist of the Baptist church in Troy; teacher of instrumental music and voice during the present session of Troy High School.

Mr. J. H. Burnett is a son of Mr. and and Mrs. J. W. Burnett, of Pender county; was educated at Burgaw High School and Wake Forest College; won J. L. Allen orator's medal during his senior year at college; was admitted to the bar August, 1910; practiced law at Lillington and Troy; was reading clerk of the extra session of the General Assembly, and general session General Assembly of 1913; is now located at Burgaw where he is building up a lucrative law practice and taking a leading position in the politics of the county.

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The wedding of Miss Mary Mills, daughter of Mr. T. B. Mills, and Mr. Woodrow Wilson, was celebrated yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, No. 3 North Third street, Rev. E. L. Parker, pastor of the Wilmington Free Will Baptist church, officiated. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Mr. Herbert Benton with Miss Dollie Mills, Mr. W. D. Mills and Miss Mary S. Duke, acted as attendants. Rev. R. H. Mills, of Lake City, S. C., and Mr. W. D. Mills, of City Point, Va., brothers of the bride, were home to spend the holidays and to attend their sister's wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, who received many presents, will make their home in this city.

ARRESTED 25 ON CHRISTMAS

Police and County Officers Unusually Active Friday and Saturday—Important Cases Up.

Including four cases of considerable importance, the police and county officers Friday and Saturday arrested 25 alleged offenders, 20 of whom are charged with offenses other than being drunk or disorderly.

Peter Howard, colored, was arrested yesterday on a charge of highway robbery, it being alleged that he held up Sarah Nichols, colored, and robbed her of a pistol. The pistol was found on his person and identified by the woman, when he was arrested by Policeman G. W. Bullard. Mary Costin, colored, charged with receiving stolen goods, was lodged in jail by Policeman Frank George. She had been suspected and many articles of clothing were found in her home.

Mr. W. F. O'Brien, charged with burglarizing the home of Mrs. Singetary, No 312 Hanover street, was arrested and lodged in jail Friday by County Officer H. Mack Godwin, on a warrant from Justice Harriss. Mr. O'Brien is a switchman for the Coast Line and his attorney, Councilman W. F. Jones, stated last night that he can prove an alibi, but County Officer Godwin, stated that he believed his evidence was strong enough to convict. The case will be heard Monday morning before Justice Harriss.

Mr. John F. Hays, who lives at 11-Mile-Post, on the Carolina Beach road, is charged with selling wine in less than two and a half gallon lots, in violation of the law.

Other arrests by County Officer Godwin included Mr. A. W. Clemmons, captain of a schooner from Beaufort, charged with catching fish smaller than the law allows; Mr. Charles Finkelstein, the well known pawnbroker, charged with larceny by trick, it being alleged that he disposed of a suit of clothes within less than 30 days, the time allowed by law, the negro owning the suit, having lost his ticket.

Mr. Godwin, states that he has found three sacks of alleged stolen corn in the store of E. W. Burnett, colored, at Seventh and Red Cross streets and four sacks in the feed-house at his house, on Seventh street between Walnut and Red Cross.

Others arrested by the police and the offenses, according to the police blotter: Charles Smith, colored, assault on a female, by J. J. Moore; Ben Carter, vagrancy, by Leon George; Joe Kirkham, white, carrying a pair of knucks concealed, by W. H. Kermon; Henry McNeal, white, constructing sidewalks, by W. H. Kermon; General Barfield, colored, violating the prohibition law, by B. W. Jacobs; W. F. Marshall, colored, violating the prohibition law, by Frank George; Walter Bule and W. G. Bule, white, assault with deadly weapon at Delgado, by O. B. Thompson; Ernest King, colored, shooting pistol in city limits, by D. W. Coleman; Lucy Gilliam, colored, violating the prohibition law, by G. W. Bullard. County Road Guard G. B. Cook arrested Charles Ashe, colored, on charge of assault with deadly weapon.

Drinking seemed to be on the wane with the law violators, there only being five arrests made in the two days for this offense.

PERSONALS.

—Mr. N. W. Russ is spending the holidays in Savannah, Ga.

—Mr. George E. Haskitt is spending the holidays at his home at Kinston.

—Mr. Silas Sheetz is spending Christmas at his old home, at Fayetteville.

—Mr. W. B. Frink, of Bladenboro, was registered at Hotel Wilmington yesterday.

—Mr. A. W. Trent, of East Arcadia, N. C., spent yesterday in the city, a guest at Hotel Wilmington.

—Mr. J. R. Hutchinson, of Jacksonville, N. C., was a Wilmington visitor yesterday, a guest at Hotel Wilmington.

—Mr. L. R. Schnibben, of Greenville, S. C., is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Fire Chief and Mrs. Charles Schnibben.

—Mr. W. J. Martin, Raleigh correspondent for The Morning Star, and other State papers, and Mrs. Martin are visiting relatives in Wilmington.

—Mr. John C. McAllister, superintendent of streets in Fayetteville, is in the city to spend the holidays and is being cordially greeted by his many friends.

—Mr. Louis B. Bornemann is at home from Elon College to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bornemann, No. 618 Orange street.

—Mr. Sidney Credle, whose home is near Sanford, is here on a visit to friends. Mr. Credle is a student at A. & M. College, and will return there after the holidays.

—Mr. Martin Schnibben has arrived in the city from Laurinburg, to spend the holidays at home with his parents, Fire Chief and Mrs. Charles Schnibben, No. 319 Dock street.

—Mr. C. A. Workheiser is here to spend the holidays from City Point, Va., where he has a position with the DuPont Powder Company. He talks interestingly of the recent conflagration which destroyed the powder town of Hopewell and of life in the mushroom city generally.

—Mr. Charles G. Schnibben, who is connected with the art department of Sulzberger & Sons Company, beef and pork packers, of Chicago, Ill., is in the city to spend the holidays with his parents, Fire Chief and Mrs. Charles Schnibben, No. 319 Dock streets. This is his first visit to his native city in three years.

A performance today is cash in hand; a promise of tomorrow is only a note in hand.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The Coca-Cola Bottling Works as usual remembered its friends during the Christmas holidays by presenting them with appropriate and useful souvenirs of the Christmas season.

—The dredge Henry Bacon after undergoing repairs on the Marine Railway here has gone down the Cape Fear river to Snow's Marsh channel, where the vessel will be kept at work for some time. For some time the big dredge was engaged in deepening the anchorage basin in this port.

—When Meta Bennett, colored, lost her temper yesterday and struck her friend, Frances Bryant, also colored, she realized her wrong and immediately went to Justice Bornemann's office and entered a submission to a charge of assault. She was recognized for her appearance and the trial will take place Monday morning.

—Mr. C. C. Hunter, division passenger and commercial agent for the Seaboard Air Line, has returned to the city greatly improved in health after spending sometime in the Westbrook sanitarium in Richmond, Va. He also visited in Baltimore and New York and spent some time in Florida. His many friends will be glad to know that he has completely recovered from his recent illness and will be able to return to his office the first of the year.

SEWER CONNECTIONS FREE.

If Application is Made to Department Before January 1st.

Councilman W. F. Jones, in charge of the department of water and sewerage, wishes to urge upon the citizens of the city, desiring to have connections made with the city sewer line, the importance of making application before January 1st. The new ordinance which becomes effective at that time provides a charge for this service but if application is made before that time, there will be no charge, although the work will be done after the ordinance becomes effective.

There are said to be quite a large number of people in the city who have not yet had their residences connected with the city sewer line, especially at Carolina Place and Carolina Heights. In order to make it more convenient for citizens residing in the suburbs, application blanks have been left at Mann's store, corner 17th and Market streets.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN DEAD

Mr. Thomas Gladden Passed Away Friday at Home of Daughter in City.

Mr. Thomas Gladden died Friday at the home of his daughter, Mr. B. C. Green, No. 1604 Castle street, after a long illness. He was a Confederate veteran and had a wide circle of friends. He was 75 years old. Surviving are three daughters as follows: Mrs. J. D. Cottle, of Masonboro Sound; Mrs. B. C. Green and Miss Bessie Gladden, of Wilmington.

The funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Masonboro Baptist church and the interment was in the church burying ground.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Thomas E. Skipper, of Brooklyn, N. Y., wishes to extend his heartfelt thanks to his many friends for the kind expressions of sympathy extended to him in the hour of his great bereavement in the loss of his brother, Fred, who was so well known in your community.

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HUNDREDS FROM SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

In Washington for 2nd Pan-American Scientific Congress.

Convenes Monday and Continues Till January 8—Several Hundred Private American Citizens to Attend, Besides Officials.

Washington, Dec. 25.—More than 200 statesmen, educators, scientists and publicists from the South and Central American republics are here for the Second Pan-American Scientific Congress which convenes Monday and continues until January 8. In addition to the official delegates of the United States, several hundred private citizens will participate in th programme which is directed toward the general subject of closer relations between the Americans.

The first Pan-American Scientific Congress was held at Santiago, Chile, 1908, when Washington was selected as the place in which to hold the second this year. Eduardo Suarez, Chilean ambassador to Washington, was chosen president of the congress and will preside at the conference next week. Vice President Marshall, Secretary Lansing and Ambassador Suarez, will welcome the delegates on the first day of the congress and responses will be made by chairmen of the various delegations.

It is expected that President Wilson will return to Washington from his honeymoon in time to address the members at a special meeting at the Pan-American building on the night of January 5. Arrangements have been made for giving the first Pan-American reception ever held in the White House on the evening of January 7.

Congress at its last session appropriated $50,000 to cover expenses and authorized President Wilson to extend the invitations. All the American republics accepted, some sending as many as fifteen delegates and none less than three. In addition to these there have come many representatives of leading universities and scientific societies and a number of notables invited by the Carnegie Endowment. The Argentine government appropriated $90,000 for the expenses of its delegatio nof nine men who stand high in educational and scientific affairs in South America. The Chilean government appointed fifteen delegates.

The delegation of the United States, headed by George Gray of Delaware, includes William Phillips, third assistant secretary of state, who is chairman of the executive committee of arrangements; James Brown Scott, secretary of the Carnegie Endowment; William H. Welch, president of the National Academy of Sciences; John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union; Brig. Gen. W. H. Bixby, U. S. A., retired; P. Claxton, Commissioner of Education; Major General William C. Gorgas, surgeon general, U. S. A.; William H. Holmes, Smithsonian Institute; Hennen Jennings, mining engineer; George M. Rommel, department of agriculture; L. S. Rowe, president of the American Academy of Political and Social Science; Robert S. Woodward, president of the Carnegie Institution of Washington; Franz Boas, Columbia University; John A. Brashear, American Society of Mechanical Engineers; William Wallace Campbell, American Association for the Advance of Science; Richard C. Cabot, professor in the Harvard medical school; Henry B. Fine, Princeton University; Henry S. Graves, chief forester of the United States; Alfred P. Thom, of the Southern Railway, and Charles D. Walcott, director of the Smithsonian Institution.

The work of arranging the programme has been done at the Pan-American building hert, under the direction of John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, assisted by Dr. Glen Levin Swiggttt, professor of romance languages at the University of Tennessee, as assistant secretary general.

The subjects to be discussed have been divided into the following sections: Anthropology, Astronomy, Irrigation and Forestry; Education; Engineering; International Law, Public Law and Jurisprudence; Mining and Mettallurgy, Economic Geology and Applied Chemistry; Publi Health and Medical Science; Transportation, Commerce, Finance and Taxation. These sections in turn have been sub-divided ito subsections and it is expected that when the Congress is fully under way there will be in progress at the same time thirty or forty meetings. To care for these gatherings most of tht public halls in Washington have been engaged.

On the evening of the opening day a reception by Secretary Lansing and the American delegates will be given in the Hall of the Americas in the Pan-American building. The visiting foreigners will be the guests of the United States government at a banquet the last evening of the Congress.

After the first day the nine sections will meet separately to outline the work of their subsections. Throughout the remainder of the meeting these subsections will conduct their discussions independently in different parts of the city. It is estimated that more than 1,000 papers will be read during the conferences on subjects ranging from problems of everyday life to the latest developments of modern science. Since delegates will be here from countries where French, Spanish, Portugese and English are the common languages and in order that none may lose any of what is said, a corps of interpreters has been engaged.

Much of the planning of the social events scheduled for the two weeks has been done under the direction of Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of the secretary of State, who heads a women's auxiliary committee of 100 women prominent in social affairs of Washington and other cities.

Besides the opening reception Monday night theer will be luncheons and afternoon receptions at the home of Secretary Lansing and Mrs. Lansing on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 28 and 29; a reception at the Smithsonian Institute on Wednesday evening, December 29, a reception by the Chilean ambassador, December 30; a night at the theatre Friday, December 31; a reception by the governing board at the Pan-American building, Saturday night, January 1; the Pan-American reception at the White House, Friday night, January 7, and the farewell banquet the next evening.

Arrangements also have been made for excursions to Fort Myer, Annapolis, Mount Vernon and perhaps to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and New York. Special services will be held at many of the churches.

Eighteen of the twenty-one republics have organized associations subscribing to the principle of codified international law, and have sent delegates who will take part in the deliberations of the Pan-American Institute of International Law. This will be the inaugural meeting of the institute. The governing board of the Pan-American Union has adopted at the suggestion of Ambassador Suarez, a resolution tendering the founders and members of the institute a vote of commendation and encouragement. When he offered the resolution recently the ambassador said:

"As my colleagues are undoubtedly aware, in October, 1912, the foundations were laid in Washington for an organization of a most interesting character. There was born into the realm of scientific life the American Institute of International Law, the object of which is, briefly stated, to combine and utilize through a central organization in Washington and the co-operation of affiliated or corresponding associations in all the other American nations, the intellectual efforts of jurists and thinkers of the continent for the development of international law, the generalization of its principles and the adoption of a common standard to ensure the enforcement of law and justice among the countries of the New World. The corresponding or affiliated associations have already been organized in 18 out of the 21 American republics, and steps are being taken to constitute the other three.

"International law is not the patrimony of a single nation. It is the law of all nations, and must therefore be formed and assented to by all, and thus the co-operation of nations is essential to its enactment or amendment. Hence the enormous importance of an organization having a brain and a voice in every one of the nations of America, whose action must be the fruit of continental thought.

"Such an organization embodies, I believe, one of the most powerful auxiliaries for progress and civilization in the Americas, and for the permanent maintenance of peace from one end to the other of their frontiers. Such an organization deserves, without doubt, the good will of the peoples and governments of the continent, which we represent here."

HEREDITARY TITLES TO BE CREATED IN CHINA

Six Ranks to be Conferred on Friends of Yuan Shi Kai.

President Appears to Have Changed His Mind—Is Being Sharply Criticised by Papers Opposed to Monarchy.

(Correspondence Associated Press.)

Peking, Nov. 30 — President Yuan Shi-kai has apparently changed his mind about the titles he will confer upon loyal followers. It was originally announced that the titles to be created would not be perpetual. Many of them were to cease upon the death of the sons of the men on whom they were conferred. Now, however, new regulations have been drawn up which will make titles hereditary as long as the government exists.

Hereditary titles of six ranks will be created. The first rank will be king or prince. Then come duke, marquis, earl, viscount and baron, in the order named. The last four titles are to be divided into three classes by fixing a prefix to each. The government will retain the right to cancel titles should their holders conduct themselves in a manner regarded as improper by the Emperor.

Newspapers which are unfriendly to the monarchical restoration have been attacking the title scheme since it was first suggested, and declare it is a return to the old regime wholly out of keeping with the spirit of progress the educated Chinese hope to see prevail.

Recently, President Yuan has also displayed a disposition to confer many decorations. This is also producing much criticism in the newspapers which oppose the change in government. The following mandate issued by the President is typical of his orders concerning decorations: "Governor Chin Yung, of Shansi, reports that eight brothers of the Chiao family, in the Chi district, of Shansi, contributed the sum of $150,000 to the government, and stated that they did not expect any reward The said citizens place the State before everything else, and do their best to render assistance to the government.

"They should be rewarded for their patriotism. Chiao Yin-hui is hereby given the fourth class Chiao-ho decoration. Chiao Yin-kuei, Chiao Yin-hsiao, Chiao Yin-cheng and Chia Yin-nan are hereby given the fifth class Chiao-ho decorations."

Chinese newspapers continue to print appeals made to President Yuan Shi-kai by admirers who desire him to ascend the throne. The last message sent to the President by Admiral Tseng Ju-cheng has just been made public, and is published broadcast in the vernacular papers: "Today we received a telegram from Feng Kuo-chang, the governor of Kiang-su province, advising that the representatives of the citizens of the whole province have voted in favor of a constitutional monarchy; and that they all again voted that our great President should become the great Emperor of the Chinese empire, which shall endure and maintain one unbroken dynasty extending to ten thousands of generations. When we promulgated this glad news to the people of this province, the rapturous voices of the people were like the sound of thunder; and the troops and people have all declared unanimously that the will of Heaven hath chosen a proper man, and hereafter there will be a man to sit on the divine throne. It is hoped that our great President will deign to comply with the will of the people, to the end that the foundation of the nation shall be consolidated. He must sympathize with the hearts of the myriads and protect the interests of the nation. We pray that he will swiftly ascend the 'great precious' throne, so that the hopes of the people may be realized. Thus the situation will be improved and the people will be blessed. I, Ju-cheng, submit this memorial with joint signatures of all military and civil officials under me."

Thick lips denote a coarse, amorous disposition. Thin, fine lips, having very little red showing, denote cruel, hard nature, one lacking in warmth and affection. Moderately full lips are the best, and they should be moist, and not hard and dry.

"WHY PREPARE?" AND "ARE WE PREPARED?"

Talks to University Students by Prof. J. M. Booker.

Professor of English Gives Chapel Talks on the Subject of National Defense, of Which He is Champion.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 25 — Following are the texts of two talks recently made by Professor John M. Booker, of the English department of the University to the student body in chapel, on the subject of National Defense, in the first of which he undertakes to answer the question: "Why Prepare?" and in the second of which he seeks to answer the question "Are We Prepared?"

Why Prepare?

I am going to talk to you about National Defense. First, I shall speak of the possibilities of our needing to defend ourselves—the possibilities of war and even of actual invasion of our soil. Then I shall give you an idea of our means of defense.

We never think of America's being menaced by war—much less invaded. Actually, it is something of an effort to recall how often and on what occasions our country has been invaded. During the Revolution an enemy held for long periods our three chief ports—New York, Philadelphia and Boston—together with wide stretches of hinterland. In 1812 our capitol itself was taken and burned.

And what was the cause of these humiliations? You may find the answer in Washington's words—the bitterest we have record of: "Had we formed a permanent army in the beginning we should not have had to retreat across the Delaware, trembling for the fate of America. We should not have been the greater part of the war inferior to the enemy, enduring frequently the mortification of seeing inviting opportunities to ruin them pass unimproved for want of a force which the country was completely able to afford." The cause that forced Washington to retreat was the same that dragged out our Civil war. General Upton, in his "The Military Policy of the United States," says that the last three years of the war—these years, the bloodiest and costliest of our history—were needless. And General Sherman sustains him. And all succeeding experts sustain him. All agree that had McDowell commanded a Trained army a fraction as large as his hundred thousand that sprung up over night, the war would not have lasted over four months. But McDowell didn't command a trained army, and the war lasted four years The cause that brought these national calamities upon us was the same that ruined Belgium. If Belgium had been able to mobilize proportionately as many troops as Switzerland mobilized, she would have had 700,000 instead of 170,000. Do you think the Germans would have broken through them? I think they would rather have chosen the old route by the death-factory of Belfort. The cause that wrought these dire events was the same in all three instances—it was unpreparedness.

Place the experience of America with England in 1812 beside her experience with the same country in 1865. In both cases she was urging modest and undeniable rights. But the England that denied America's claims in 1812, and inflicted upon her an unbroken series of military disasters, heeded promptly enough the claims of 1865. Why? In 1812 America was unprepared to back up her claims. In 1865 she possessed the only iron navy in the world, and four million trained soldiers. And as a result, although one-third of her territory was ravaged and bankrupt, she collected the "Alabama" claims from England, and forced France to withdraw from Mexico.

Despite our past experiences there are large numbers of our citizens who are opposed to military preparedness. Recently Secretary or War Garrison has published an analysis of the reasons of these citizens for their opposition.

"First, there are those who oppose it because they find a divine injunction against it. I am a poor theologian; but from some source—perhaps apocryphal—comes to mind the dictum: "The Lord helps those who help themselves."

"To me, a more interesting class, because a more intelligible one, objects to military preparedness because it fears and mistrusts America. It fears that we might misuse our force; it dreads militarism; it lacks confidence in our ability to size up the situation correctly and then meet it efficiently and without graft." These are arguments which would hold up any and all progress. Perhaps they are advanced in this case also by the element that always does attempt to hold up progress—the element that is always a-tremble, fearing they know not what For my part, when America begins to fear her strength, she will no longer be worth defending.

Then there are those who do not wish to weaken the force of our international example. They fear that our preparation will stave off that glorius millenium—the Day of Universal Arbitration. At different times, during periods ranging from two months to two years, I have lived on the other side of the Atlantic. From that vantage point I have seen the American example shining, and its effects. And I tell you that the only American example that they strive to imitate over there is the American commercial trick that takes money out of their pockets. I must therefore agree with Secretary Garrison, however reluctantly, in his mild sarcasm that we have now gone unprepared for over a century and a half, at considerable expense in men and treasure, without making any appreciable difference in Europe's attitude to war.

There is also the class who oppose preparedness because they think that to prepare for war is not to prevent it, but to provoke it. As our good Secretary points out, in international relations we have got to do one of two things: we must either trust others or trust ourselves. So far as I am concerned, recent events have considerably dulled the edge of a naturally trusting disposition. Finally there is the class who believe that war will never come to this country. To answer this class is to give the possible causes of future wars And these are in turn the real reasons for preparedness.

There are a number of ways in which we may become involved with foreign powers:

In the first place we have possessions in the Pacific. Very valuable they are; and very valuable they would be to our neighbor, Japan. I hear they have proven most interesting to that country. An army officer told me that the Japs knew more about the Philippines than we do, more about their defenses, for instance, than our own War Department does. Furthermore, we are morally bound by our national honor to keep these possessions until their inhabitants are politically strong enough to maintain a free government in the islands and powerful enough to protect it against outsiders.

In the same quarter looms the danger of a rejection of our laws for aliens. This danger has only recently passed over us. It is unpleasant to recall how closely we escaped chastisement at the hands of a smaller but more alert nation—a nation moved by

Are We Prepared?

On this occasion I shall review our means of defense.

War being a possibility, are we vulnerable?

Let us consider our first line of defense, the Navy. In July, 1914, we were the third navy of the world in ships. We had eight dreadnaughts; England 20; Germany 13. We had no battle cruisers; England had nine; Germany 4. In the smaller craft, the difference was more startling. We had 14 cruisers; England 74; Germany 41. We had 51 destroyers; England 167; Germany 130.

But when the ships building at that date will have been built we shall have sunk to fourth place. France will have supplanted us. For our four dreadnaughts, England was building 16; Germany, seven; France, eight; Japan, six. While we have laid down no battle cruisers, England is building one; Germany four, Japan two. It is noteworthy that the completion of the ships laid down in July, 1914, will see Japan possess as many battle-line units,—twelve—as will the United States at that time. The difference in the smaller craft will be increased.

The striking power of a navy, however, can not be guaged by the number of its ships. Other factors play a role. Our fleets are not up-to-date in two important matters. In the first place the units are not balanced in any proportion that promises successful operation of the whole. For instance, there are no battle cruisers and but few aeroplanes and scouts. The submarines are not reliable. In the second place the battleships are fatally deficient in speed; the fastest is slower than the slowest of our rivals. Thus the main naval lesson of the Russo-Japanese war has been entirely ignored by our fleet builders.

Furthermore, what we have is not ready. In the first place we lack material. As an example may be cited the discovery last spring that we had but one hundred torpedoes. As for an ammunition reserve there is nothing worthy of the name. In the second place, we lack men. The annual report of the Secretary of the Navy, 1914, puts the shortage at 203 officers and 4,560 men; and Chairman Walker, of the Naval Committee of the National Securities League, places it at 1,000 officers and 20,000 men. Ours is the only navy that does not provide a reserve of men sufficient to man every serviceable ship in time of war and supply casualties. Before the Congressional Committee on Naval Affairs Admiral Fiske was asked the question, "How long would it take to make the navy ready for war?" He replied "Five years."

Perhaps the worst feature of the navy's lack of preparedness is its organization. This department is divided into seven bureaus—"seven little navies"—thereby increasing the evils of a politically appointed bureaucracy, a disease from which other departments of the government suffer. During the extra strain thrown on the department by the landing at Vera Cruz last year, a number of clerks asked for transfer to other departments because they had been asked to work overtime. And they got them. There is nothing that exactly takes the place of a General Staff. Perhaps this is the reason why there has been no Naval Policy—no continuing building program—at least, since that of the Dewey board was departed from. Worst of all, the promotion is by seniority; and seniority successfully kills professional competition.

Secretary Daniels and his advisers have framed a program to remedy these conditions. It is a splendid program; the only regret is that since battleships take four years to build, it can not be fully realized until 1925. In the meantime our hopes rest upon our navy of today and upon the navy of Henry Ford.

I turn now to the land defenses. Suppose in the event of war with Germany or Japan our navy failed to bar the seas. According to a special report of the Army War College in 1914, the former country could land 827,000 troops in 30 days; the latter country 238,367 in 41 days. Furthermore, they could find several defensible areas to land in. Such an area, General Wood told us at Plattsburg, is bounded on the west and south by a line from Cleveland to Pittsburg to Norfolk. This line would form a front approximately equal to the present Franco-German front, which is being held by the Germans with less than 1,500,000 men. It is rich in the two most essential elements of war, containing four-fifths of our entire coal and steel output. On our Pacific coast are two such areas, the Puget Sound district and California, both of them easily defensible according to the report just referred to, because access to them for large bodies of troops is by way of tunnels and bridges, which are easily destroyed.

What heve we to oppose these forces of the enemy? At the outset we must exclude a force of some 15,000 men belonging to the coast artillery, because being immolated in harbor fortifications, it is not a mobile force. It is dependent upon the mobile force, since once a fort's communications are cut it must fall sooner or later; but it is not a mobile force itself. Incidentally our coast artillery is short 1,000 guns in its equipment and some 9,500 regulars and 11,500 militia in its personnel. The guns it has are of a late 19th century design—outranged by those of the Princess Elizabeth by 2,000 to 3,000 yards—and the ammunition reserve will not allow any of them to be fired more than 45 minutes at the maximum rate of fire. Excluding then this force from the ranks of the mobile army, we had according to the same report, 30,481 regulars and 127,210 militiamen—on paper—a total of 154,210 men.

Alas for this grand total; it must be pared down somewhat. In estimating the value of the militia, the Chief of Staff in his report of 1914 had to bring out the facts that only four-fifths of them had attended annual inspection, only three-fourths had gone to camps of instruction, only a half had had any target practice in 1913, and only a third were even second class shots. General Wotherspoon's report shows that the militia is short in the more expensive arms of the service. Apparently it is short 70 per cent of the cavalry; 60 per cent of the engineers; 60 per cent of the field artillery; 40 per cent of the medical corps—and in equipment it lacks some 6,000 wagons and 1,320,000 rounds of small arms ammunition and other items.

And the militia never has been ready. The men are all right, of course, but they aren't properly trained and organized for war, and under their present system they can't be. Way back in Revolutionary times there was the same complaint. The Americans employed 395,858 men during the war; the British 150,000. Washington said: "If I was called upon to declare upon oath whether the militia had been more serviceable or hurtful, upon the whole I should subscribe to the latter."

In 1812, 527,652 Americans took the field; 55,000 British. The militia fled in every fight. The only hotly contested battle, that of Lundy's Lane, was fought by regulars on both sides. At Bladensburg, which decided the fate of Washington, the militia, though in vastly superior numbers, fled after losing only eight men killed. In the Civil War 100,000 men "sprang to arms over night," and a few nights after that they were springing back home from Bull Run, having suffered defeat at the hands of a force of half their number. But their victors, only a little less of an armed mob because they were better led, were too disorganized to follow up their victory.

A very generous estimate puts the total number of effectives among the militia at 60,000. Adding this force to 30,000 regulars, we have an army of 90,000 men to oppose $30,000 well trained Germans or 230,000 equally well trained Japanese. It would take 30 days to mobilize these troops of ours, and when they were mobilized their officers would be new to the job of handling a force of this size. And the force would lack field artillery, field howitzers, machine guns, ammunition, transports, signal service and aeroplane scouts. They wouldn't even have enough ambulances to carry them back home.

Secretary Garrison and the War College are laying plans to improve the situation. It is unfortunate that these plans differ.

I have now completed my chief argument for preparedness—namely, a review of our forces of defense. These are all we have unless we add to them our dear, good Mr. Bryan; but Mr. Bryan can defend us only against the good, and they'll not hurt us anyway.

AN APPEAL IS ISSUED

Woman's Section of the Movement for National Preparedness.

We face in the twentieth century a civilized Europe going down into savagery. War breaks upon half a world. It brings the most disastrous carnage of all time. On the rim of this whirlpool of death we stand—we of America. We have lived the faith of children; basking in the sun of our prosperity. But illusion is gone. In the stature of men and of women we front the truth.

Across the leaden sky is written openly "Woe to the nation unequal to its own defense!" Belgium, proud and prosperous, in an hour was struck down. Armenia was, but is not. Servia—is there a Servia? Poland, brave daughter of old Liberty, reels to and fro between the maddened armies. Greece, uncertain and vacillating, has pleaded for peace; she has begged for neutrality, yet she stands at wild, helpless bay, not knowing how soon the war fangs shall be upon her throat.

These are of the nation unequal to their own defense. Have our rights been respected and our citizens been spared? The sea enshrouds the Lusitania and the Ancona. Let us again "highly resolve that the dead shall not have died in vain and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth?" Our land is today the great hope of mankind. Our duty to a safe America is the highest duty that can ever come to a commonwealth. Of the nations that have gone down, how many could match our unpreparedness? Weakness in us longer would be crime. To be prepared for all things; to be invincible before the worst—this is national righteousness.

Our country has come to the parting of the ways. Her isolation has vanished, and she must soberly choose her place among the nations. Her ideals are essentially those of liberty and peace. How shall we secure them? The plight of Belgium and the pride of Switzerland are our answer. He is safe who is prepared. He only is free who is master of himself. The flower of America would answer any threat, but the cost in life and treasure to the making of an army during conflict has become hideously plain. Shall we not face with clear eyes the facts, and strengthen the hands that labor to preserve to us and to the world, our heritage of liberty and peace? This is one question confronting every citizen today. We assume the guardianship of both Americas. We are a rich nation yet helpless — temptation to the needy strong. The Swiss system or the Australian would give an adequate force, equipped and trained, without disturbance to our economic life; disciplined to patriotic citizenship and of incalculable value. Instead we have an available army of 30,000 men, and skillful, whose most powerful guns fall two miles short of the standard European armaments. Our navy is in theory third, in fact unready.

Will you help to join the weapon of knowledge to the proud courage of our forebears, and make us worthy to attain our high destiny? Will you join the Women's Section for National Preparedness, seek to spread the truth among our people, make our impotence and our duty alike plain, and help to wake the sense of our high responsibility?

Women of America—shall we veil our eyes while all we hold precious is perilled and ensnared? Come with us, and together let us prepare safety for our America.

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FUNERAL OF MRS. MURPHY.

Services Friday at Burgaw—Fine Type of the Old South.

(By Long Distance Telephone.)

Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 25.—The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Murphy occurred here yesterday afternoon attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends. The services were conducted by Rev. P. L. Clark, of Burgaw, and Rev. W. P. M. Currie, of Wallace, N. C. The ceremony was simple and touching. A large number of floral tributes, varied and beautiful in design, attested the love and esteem of Mrs. Murphy's many friends. Mrs. Murphy was in many respects a very remarkable woman. She was 92 years of age at her death, remarkable in the retention of physical and mental vigor to almost the moment of her demise; remarkable in the beauty and strengthfulness of her character; remarkable in her simple unwavering and trustful faith in God.

A large number of children, grandchildren and great grand-children survive her, the sons surviving being Dr. Walter C. Murphy, of Washington, D. C.; Judge J. D. Murphy, of Asheville. Among her grandsons surviving are Dr. B. R. Graham, of Wilmington; Hon. A. McL. Graham, of Clinton, and Dr. John A. Ferrell, of the Rockefeller International Health Commission, of New York City. Among the daughters are Mrs. J. A. Ferrell, of Clinton; Miss Maggie Murphy, Mrs. E. McMoore, Mrs. John R. Bannerman and Mrs. M. M. Moore, of Burgaw.

Mrs. Murphy was the widow of Dr. H. F. Murphy, who preceded her to the grave many years ago. Dr. Murphy was a man of deep learning and wide and extensive medical practice and great personal influence and power in his day. Dr. and Mrs. Murphy were fine types of the old South, large slave owners, possessed of a large, splendid estate, dispensing generous and unbounded hospitality, types of that remarkable civilization that Pender graces of which belongs to a day that is dead.

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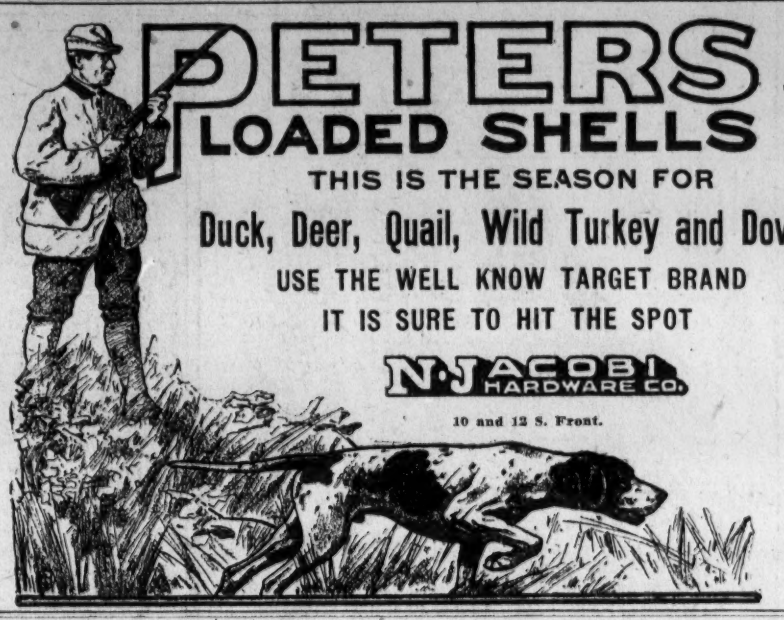

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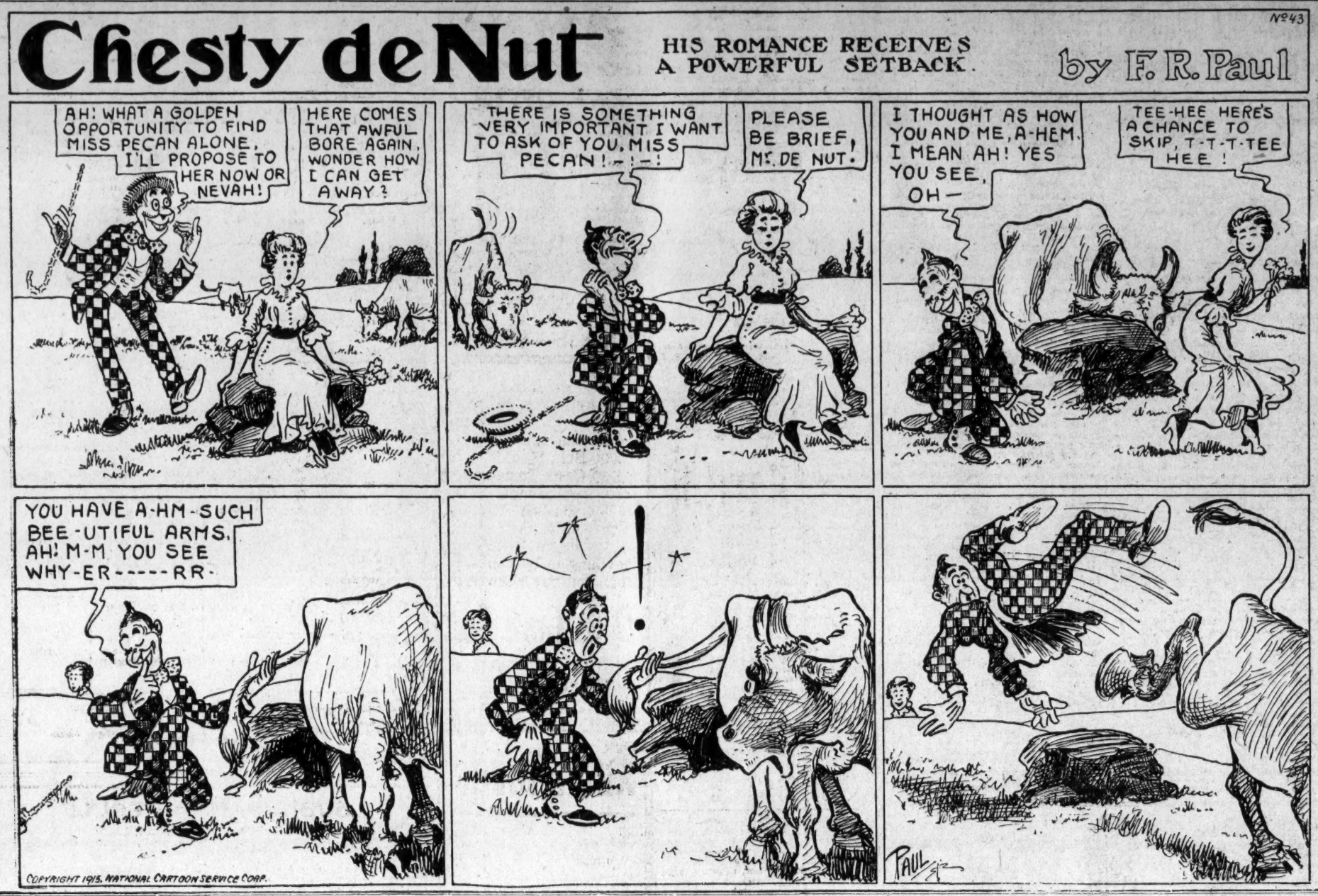
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I WOULD, IF I COULD FIND ANY-THING DAT WOULD PAY ME BETTER THAN THIS

PROBABLY MORE THAN 400 WILL BE PRESENT

At Wesley Bible Class Federation at Fayetteville.

Every Section of North Carolina Methodist Conference to be Represented—Bishop Kilgo and Other Notable Speakers.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 25.—Reports continue to come into the headquarters of the North Carolina Conference Sunday school board, located in this city, indicating that the expectations of a 300 attendance at the Wesley Bible Class Federation in Fayetteville January 19-20 will have to be revised, as it seems quite likely that more than 400 will attend. Every section of the conference, with its 56 counties and nine districts, is responding to the call and presiding elders, pastors and other workers are asking that reservations be made for them.

One interesting feature of the programme will be the use of some of the strongest workers at the beginning of each of the five sessions of the Federation to conduct the devotional services and give the keynote of the work to be undertaken. The preachers chosen to do this are: Rev. H. M. North, of Durham; Rev. R. H. Willis, of Oxford; Rev. J. H. Shore, of Fifth Avenue cnurch, Wilmington; Rev. E. H. Davis, of Jackson, and Rev. M. T. Plyler, of Grace church, Wilmington.

Another feature which is to be of importance w.. be the open discussions led by Division Field Secretary J. M. Way, of Spartanburg, S. C. Mr. Way will be assisted by a council composed of strong leaders, among whom are preachers and laymen from various sections of the Conference. Some of these who have been appointed to serve on this council and who will aid in answering the various questions brought out are: F. B. McKinne, of Louisburg; E. S. Yarbrough, of Duke; Rev. Walter Patten, of Chapel Hill; Rev. W. A. Stanbury, of Wilson; Mr. Hal M. Terrell, of Norlina; Capt. W. H. Newell, of Rocky Mount; Mr. C. R. Pugh, of Elizabeth City; Prof. F. M. Williamson, of Pittsboro; Mr. R. K. Craven, of Abbottsburg; Rev. J. M. Ormond, of Hertford; Hon. C. D. Koonce, of Chadbourn.

Dr. W. P. Few and Prof. W. W. Peele, of Trinity College, will discuss very important topics relating to the work of the teacher and to the opportunity of the religious college in aiding the Sunday school. Mr. W. E. Sharpe, of Burlington, considered by many the best superintendent in North Carolina, will lead in the discussion of a vital topic, one which is giving many people concern today; this has to do with the matter of church attendance. The criticism is being freely made that many members of the Sunday school do not attend the preaching service; some of the facts about this condition will be brought out and the remedies suggested. Rev. H. A. Humble, of Queen Street church, Kinston, has the honor of having founded a popular order in the Methodist church, adapted especially to the needs of the boys. It is called the Knights Ezolah; Mr. Humble will discuss "The Boy and the Sunday School."

The other speakers will be from beyond the bounds of the conference. They will have several places each on the programme. Bishop Kilgo who was instrumental in pushing the work of the Wesley Bible classes in South Carolina so successfully, is to deliver the closing address. His subject has not yet been announced. Mr. Way will tell something of the wonderful growth of the organized Bible class work in the Atlantic division, of which he is general field secretary; this division comprises ten annual conferences, and there are more Wesley Bible classes in it than any other of the seven districts of the Southern Methodist church.

PLAN BRANCH OF SIGMA XI FRATERNITY AT UNIVERSITY

Petitions Made to Establish New Scientific Society.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 22.—An honorary scientific fraternity, corresponding to the academic Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, will probably be established at the University soon. The purpose of this fraternity is to promote scientific scholarship and to encourage scientific research.

Several faculty members of the University Science Department have petitioned this national fraternity, the name of which is Sigma Xi, to allow them to establish a chapter to be known as the "North Carolina Chapter," at Chapel Hill. President Graham and Governor Craig have also written letters to the same effect. This fraternity is a very exclusive one. The only one in the South is at the University of Texas. Vanderbilt has been trying in vain for five years to get a chapter established there.

President Graham in his letter to the National Council of Sigma Xi said: "I take great pleasure in endorsing the petition urging the establishment of a chapter of Sigma Xi in the University. Should a chapter be established here it steadily will have the earnest support of the faculty and of the administration of the University in every way possible."

Governor Craig's letter was as follows: "I have endorsed the petition for the establishment of a chapter of Sigma Xi at the University of North Carolina. The board has always looked with special favor and encouragement on scientific investigation. I sincerely hope that the society will consider the petition favorably."

The petition for the North Carolina chapter contains some interesting statements. It says in part: "In the graduate school (of the University) there are 24 students out of a total of 50 who are pursuing scientific studies. In the undergraduate department of the college there are 142 students enrolled in the School of Applied Science; and in addition to these there are enrolled in the Junior and Senior Classes of courses leading to the A. B. degree 19 students who are taking their major work in science. We believe that the conditions at this University are such that they will fill in every way the highest ideals of the society, and there is already developed here a full appreciation of the needs of scientific education and the dignity of scientific research."

REQUISITION ISSUED

For Return of William Pearsall to New Hanover From New York.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 25.—Governor Craig has issued two requisitions on the governor of New York for fugitives from justice in this State who are just completing sentences in the Blackwell Island prison imposed by the New York court. One requisition is for William Pearsall, alias Allen Pearsall, who is wanted in New Hanover county for housebreaking.

Nature is never unkind or cruel, she has but one law and that is obedience. When you obey nature she serves you as a servant, when you disobey she rules you as a master.

Actions are the substance of life, dreams are life's shadows.

WITH THE CLUB WOMEN

Federation News of North Carolina.

By Miss Mary Moses.

At this season of the year, when every heart should be glad, and we think of the terrible war now waging for a second Christmas over Europe, it appals us, and makes us feel that here in America we can indeed say "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Let us all be thankful. Let us lift up our hearts in prayer to God, and our voices in songs of praise of peace.

Peace and true prosperity are twins.

It is true that "Of war men are of many minds, but millions will sing for peace."

Realizing this, a "National Choral Peace Jubilee" was formed in Chicago and they have selected ten of the most beautiful songs of peace. These have been chosen for universal use by creeds and nativities by the "Peace Song Committee." Its first achievement was to make a selection from the world's great music of the first set of peace songs ever compiled. The use of these songs will give uniformity to choral prayers for peace, the country over, the world over. In the United States their use is particularly important to unite all men for peace.

Mrs. Thomas Lingle, president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs, is very much interested in this nation-wide movement for peace, and would like all club women to obtain a copy of these songs and learn them. They will be sold to any club woman for ten cents a copy, and copies can be obtained from

MRS. J. D. EDWARDS,
Chairman of Music of the N. C. F. W. C., Wilmington, N. C.

The following article is sent to us by Mrs. Adolphus Ragan, vice chairman of the local biennial press bureau, and will be of interest to all club women:

The New York Biennial.

New York city will be the biennial city for the convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs to be held the last week of May, 1916.

The invitation accepted in Chicago was extended by the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs, the New York State Federation, and Sorosis with the endorsement of the mayor of the city of New York and the merchants' Association of Greater New York.

Following the precedent established in other biennial cities, a local board of arrangements was formed at Hotel Astor with permanent headquarters where the chairman and her assistants are to be found each day.

The convention hall will be in the Seventh Regiment armory, which is acknowledged to be the finest in the State of New York. The Drill hall will seat, including the balconies and reviewing boxes, 10,000 guests, while the officers' hall and eVterans' hall as well as the company rooms, will be placed at the disposition of the visitors.

The local board will be assisted by an advisory committee including representatives from the Daughters of the Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society, Daughters of 1812, Young Women's Christian Association, and the National Society of New England women, the wife of the Governor, Mrs. Charles S. Whitman, the wife of the Mayor, Mrs. John Purroy Mitchell, the borough president, Mrs. Marcus M. Marks, the comptroller, Mrs. William Prendergast. The chairman of the committee is Mrs. John Hays Hammond.

Many of the committees have already formulated plans giving promise of great success and unceasing pleasure.

The Bureau of Information is holding weekly drills, and hope to be able to answer all questions that may come to them.

The excursion committee has arranged trips to West Point, to the country home of Washington Irving, and to many historical spots, which will be made by boat, by train, by auto, and even—an airship has been offered.

The hotels committee, following in line with Chicago, will group the states in the various hotels, making it as pleasant as possible for the large number of visitors who are expected in New York. North Carolina plans to make the Ashe hotel her state headquarters.

It is hoped that all reservations for rooms will be made through the chairman of this committee as this will greatly simplify the work, as will also insure better accommodations for the visitors to the convention.

The civic display will have rooms at the Armory for its special lines, where the guests may view and inspect at will their splendid work.

A large luncheon at the Astor is just one of many interesting affairs on the programme outlined by the art committee.

Then there will be daily noon conferences of the literature committee held at the Astor, with prominent literateurs as guests of honor.

Special exhibits of home economics will be of interest to the housewife and all women who are especially interested in household arts.

Mrs. William Tood Helmuth will tender a dinner to the Pioneer Workers on May 27 at the Hotel Astor.

Besides these, there are innumerable entertainments being arranged for the thousands of guests expected.

The emergency committee will have physicians and nurses at all headquarters, and even the reception at the Metropolitan Museum of art will be safeguarded from overcrowding; and all may have an opportunity to visit the galleries to view the world's finest productions.

New York is awaiting her guests with great pleasure, and bids all who will come and receive a hearty welcome from each club woman.

PREVENT FIRES IN THE HOME

Fires in the home are easier to prevent than to extinguish.

The attic, cellar, and all clothes closets should be cleaned at least once a year and all useless material and rubbish removed and burned.

In storing clothing, remove all matches and other material from the pockets. Do not hang clothes near hot chimneys.

Do not go into clothes closets with lighted matches or candles.

Use only safety matches and keep them away from the children.

Never throw burned matches on the floor or into waste baskets.

Do not use inflammable shades on lamps, candles or electric light bulbs.

Coal oil lamps should always be filled by daylight. They should be kept clean and properly trimmed. A dirty lamp is unsafe.

Especial care should be taken in the home to prevent fires from starting, because when they do start there is seldom a man about to extinguish them. Where women and children are housed, the utmost vigilance is necessary on the part of those responsible for their welfare.

A fuse is the "safety valve" of an electric system, and should never be replaced by one of larger size or of any other material.

Do not allow paper or rubbish to accumulate behind steam coils or radiators.

Be careful of ashes. Do not deposit them against wooden buildings or fences. See that there are no live coals. Far better to pour a pail of water over them than to take the risk of a strong wind carrying live coals and starting fires.

Rags and cloths saturated with cleaning and polishing oils may ignite spontaneously in a few hours. Burn them at once.

Gas stoves should never be connected up with rubber tubing. Gas pipe, rigid and secure, is the only safe connection.

IN A JOY FACTORY

By Fred. A. Olds.

Have you ever been in a Joy Factory, gentle reader? The odds are that you have not, unless you have a model home. But here in Oxford there is a joy factory well worth going a thousand miles to see. Old Man Joy has his headquarters in it and it is the Baby Building at the Oxford Orphan Asylum, the last feature of this splendid institution and easily the most charming of them all.

The writer has been here for a couple of days, at the Orphanage, looking at it from every angle, and the first visit of all was paid to the joy factory under the escort of Superintendent R. L. Brown. The Orphanage had the honor of originating this baby building movement in North Carolina and it has been a go from the start. The building is the foremost of all; in other words, the first you see when you drive into the stately and spacious grounds of the Orphanage and under the wonderful oaks which form the grove. The building was opened last April and in the eternal fitness of things the first child received into its sheltering arms was Virginia Dare Hight, namesake of the first child of English birth born within this great realm of ours, in far away 1584, on Roanoke Island.

The baby building is charmingly conceived within and without and as we got within a few yards of it there came a hum as of many bees. These turned out to be the children and on passing through the spacious porch and into the reception room the noise grew louder and happier. A motto presented by General B. S. Royster was on the wall: "Come, let us save the Kiddies"; almost the last words of John Jacob Astor, on the sinking Titanic. Within were the "saved kiddies," 35 of them, and the joy factory was in full blast, with kindly Miss Maggie Morton in command of the 18 boys and 17 girls, there being room for just one more.

Superintendent Brown, upon being charged by the writer with originating this baby building, plead guilty and threw himself upon the mercy of the court. He sees ahead either an addition to the building, which is built for 36 children, or else another building. In this joy factory there is a marble slab which is a memorial of Mr. H. B. Carter, of Ramseur, who left a legacy of $1,000 to be used in completing it. As stated, Virginia Dare Hight was the first arrival and she was 18 months old when she came, a charming child, like those you see on the front page of the picture book. One little girl who was right in the center of things was anaemic when she came and it was thought by her people that she could never walk, but now she is the picture of splendid health and walks everywhere and anywhere.

The big room which is the indoor play house is 35x30 feet and 14 feet high and along one side of it are the little dining tables, with chairs to match. Miss Morton, the director of the sports, who mothers this charming collection of kiddies, has been in the Orphanage 13 years, and for nine of these, had charge of one of the boys' cottages, during the remainder of the time she has been teacher of the first grade in the Orphanage school.

The baby building is a little world under one roof. There is the kitchen, as clean as if the fairies kept it, the cutest little pantry, a dormitory with beds like snowdrifts, each one made up by the tiny hand of the occupant. In the middle of this array of beds is a big one, like that in which the giant's wife sleeps in the story book, and here Miss Morton reposes in the midst of her flock, like a hen with her chickabiddies. The whole thing is simply so charming that you wish all North Carolina could see it, for it is exactly like you would wish things to be.

Now there are some other workers in this building, nine large girls, who are known as the helpers, and they have an equally beautiful dormitory on the second floor. Teacher has a room and there is a reception room, the one first entered. Outdoors there is a wide playground, where the merry-go-rounds are a perpetual delight. The nine girl helpers lend a hand at everything, and are like little mothers themselves.

In the big play room the children suddenly grew quiet without any command and lo and behold, there were 35 chairs in a row against the wall, most of them rockers, a kiddie in each one, facing them were ten chairs for teacher and the helpers, the latter ranging in age from 13 to 17 years. The children's ages run from 18 months to a little over six years and one of them, with a jolly round face, is Frank Winston Smithwick, from the good county of Bertie, named for a mighty good North Carolinian. Superintendent Brown smiled as he said, "They never know what trouble means." Not one has been heard to cry during the visit. The girl helpers had set the tables for tea and the teacher read the 23rd Psalm: "The Lord is my Shepherd," all the children reciting the Lord's prayer and then they went to the table and took their places like grown folks, two of the helpers being at each table. Altogether the tots asked the blessing, and this was in the words of the three Wise Men as set out in that wonderful story, "Ben Hur," as those stately seekers for the light from the far East were on their way to pay a visit to the Baby Christ.

The ease and the grace with which the little folks conducted themselves at the table was a lesson in itself. They passed the food to each other and their manners put to blush many much older folk.

After supper these children did something else that everybody ought to do, in addition to asking a blessing and behaving well. They brushed their teeth. This being an important part of the duties of the day. Then they went into their baby dormitory, got under the covers of the snowy beds and no doubt listened to the angels all the night, while the fresh air from the outside came in through ventilators, sloped upwards at the base of the windows and thus directed the air to the ceiling. Here again a visitor can get a good point from a visit to this model building and these model children; the latter having, to use a phrase of the day, been "caught young," so getting a wonderful start, for girls can remain in this orphanage until they are 18 and boys until they are 16, provided excellent homes are not found for them before they reach these ages.

The Oxford Orphanage, it may be said here, is one of the best managed of all the institutions in North Carolina receiving state aid, this being the testimony of the experts. The State gives it $20,000 a year. The number of children now under its care is 374, and of these only 50 are Masonic orphans, in other words, only about one-eighth of the total number. The baby building means nearly $5,000 a year of additional expense. There has been great demand for years for just such a building, to care for the youngsters in their babyhood. The number of children is the largest since the Orphanage was established by the Grand Lodge of Masons, in 1872. The expenses and the income are now about equal, and it may be stated that if the income is not increased the Orphanage will go in debt, while now, thanks to the splendid management, it owes not a dollar. It has various departments and really went in debt for the baby department and the adult department, but this was made up by the transfer of funds from the admirable printing department. It should be stated that $1,000 had to be used for building purposes from the general fund.

It is always well to find out the chief needs of an institution like this, and a searching inquiry brought out the fact that the means in hand are insufficient to properly maintain the buildings and the children at the same time. Careful questioning of Supt. Brown brought out the fact that the interiors of the older buildings have not been done in about ten years. The printing office and laundry buildings must be enlarged and machinery added; the kitchen for the older children needs an entirely new equipment; an additional corn crib to take care of the increased crops is another need. These are absolute necessities for 1916.

The Orphanage now receives from a State appropriation $20,000 annually and from that by the Grand Lodge of Masons $5,000, but the general contributions from outside the Masonic organizations, from what might be called personal contributions, amounted to only about $862 outside of $400 to the baby cottage, in spite of urgent appeals.

The singing class visited 204 places during the year and its receipts were something over $12,000, but fell about $800 short of those last year, and this shortage hurt, as the figures have shown.

There are 240 acres in the Orphanage farm, of which 150 are in cultivation, the remainder being in the woods and grove. The institution raises on this farm much the larger part of the food consumed; all needed for the stock, and sells to the public much hay and grain. Its printing department does work all over the South and is a credit to the entire State.

It prints the Orphans' Friend and Masonic Journal, which now has a circulation of about 12,000 a week, showing a splendid increase. It is found that the average cost for each inmate was $9.49 a month last year, and this year will not exceed that sum.

These dear children are thought of only as the receivers and not as givers. What do you think? They decided that their Thanksgiving offering this year, out of their own funds, should be applied to the purchase of Bibles for the soldiers in the trenches in fighting Europe, and they gave $20. Last year their offering went to Belgium alone.

All the facts and figures about this admirable institution will be set out in full before the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina, which meets at Raleigh January 18th. At this annual communication the oration will be delivered by Hon. H. A. Gudger, Past Grand Master of Masons, and for some years superintendent of the State School for the Blind. From 1897 until 1913 he was consul general in the Panama Canal Zone and Chief Justice of that Zone. At least 600 Masons are expected to be present at this communication.

FRED A. OLDS.

MR. W. C. COWARD DEAD

Dies From Injuries Received When Run Down by N. S. Train.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 25.—After making a brave fight for life for several hours, W. C. Coward, trestle foreman for the Norfolk Southern, who was run down by one of the Norfolk Southern passenger trains, at Askins Thursday morning, succumbed to his injuries that night.

All centuries until the nineteenth belonged to man. The nineteenth century was woman's. The twentieth century is the children's century, as well as the thought century.

Man has three creators, God, himself and his fellows. Few realize the extent to which we are made by the great mass of humanity of which we are a part.

A fairly large nose is a sign of an active, progressive disposition; one that "gets ahead" in the world, and is a good sign, if not too pronounced. A long straight nose denotes a fine high-spirited nature, and a small nose is indicative of lack of energy and temperament.

A man's religion is what he learns at his mother's knee.

Our ideals of life represent our own true inner selves.

The people that we come in contact with during our every day lives influence our thoughts to a greater extent than most people are willing to admit.

MARKETS

COTTON GOODS ARE HIGHER

Market, With the Exception of Few Weak Spots in Printcloths, Generally Firm for Week.

New York, Dec. 25.—Cotton goods markets are generally firm, printcloths alone showing a few weak spots on goods for immediate delivery. Coarse sheetings have strengthened materially in consequence of large purchases by bag manufacturers. Fine and fancy cottons are in active demand for deliveries beginning in March and running into the mid-year. The evidences of disorganization in production in colored goods are multiplying more rapidly, costs of limited supplies of dye-stuffs making many goods prohibitive in value and forcing their withdrawal from sale.

Staple tickings are now on a basis of 13 1-2c for 8 ounce goods, 2c a yard higher than they were a short time ago, staple ginghams are still held at value, the last prices being 6 3-4c, and fast colored denims are selling for materially higher prices due to scarcity of dyes. The export trade in prints continues active and there is a steady demand for many cottons for export that cannot be met. Duck is firm, wide sheetings are firm and scarce for quick delivery, and all lines of wash fabrics show a much better tone. The movement of merchandise is large and those who have goods on order are endeavoring to hasten deliveries where they can.

Prices on knit goods are advancing, many goods being in short supply for immediate use.

Quotations: Print cloths 28 inch 64x64s, 3 5-8c to 3 3-4;; 64x60s, 3 1-2c; 38 1-2 inch 64x64s, 6 3-4c bid; standard Southern sheetings, 7 3-4 and 8c; denims, 15c nominal; tickings 13 1-2c; staple ginghams 6 3-4c at value; standard prints 5 1-2 and 6c.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str Rayo, 2,223 tons, Tucker, Baton Rouge, Standard Oil Co.

Sailed.

Str. Cherokee, Bunnell, New York, C. J. Becker, agent.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.). 3,289 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kell (Ger.). 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

Str. Bantu, 2,661 tons, Dunfay, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Dec. 23, by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 25.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—50c.

ROSIN—Large, $5.10; small, $4.95.

TAR—$2.10-8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 42. Rosin, $3.15. Tar, $2.00-8½c. Crude turpentine, firm, $3.25, $3.25, $2.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 7
Rosin 190
Tar 132
Crude Turpentine 9

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 3 casks; rosin, 2 barrels; tar, 344 barrels; crude turpentine, 19 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—11¼c. Quotations same day last year, 7⅛c.

Receipts—864 bales; same day last year, 1,848 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 135,887 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 92,309 bales

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 25.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Hurry, 19 to 28c.; black wool, 17 to 20c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb. Good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c. to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c. owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

EGGS—27c to 28c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 25.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market firm. Fancy hand-picked, 84c.; No. 1, machine picked, 77c. per bushel

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop firm; No. 1, small, machine-picked, $1.00; Jumbos, 90c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 25. — Spanish: Farmers' stock: Market, firm. New peanuts, dry and clean, $1.15 per bu.; new, green and dirty, 80c. to 75c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: New fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4½c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3¾c. per lb ; new prime, 3¼c. to 3½c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 2½c. to 3c. per lb.

The possession of truth may lead to indolence, the pursuit of truth lends truth's aid to truth.

The unbeliever should cultivate a belief in the devil.

False modesty will not look at naked truth, unless it is draped in fix-leaves.

FAMOUS OLD CHURCH OF SCALZI A WRECK

Costly Edifice at Venice Destroyed by Bombs.

Costly Ceiling Fresco by Tiepolo Lies in a Heap in the Ruins—Havoc Wrought by Austrian Aeroplane Raid.

Venice, Italy, Dec. 22.—An opportunity to see the destructive effect of the bomb raids on Venice was given today to the Associated Press, when an inspection under official escort was made of the havoc and ruin in the famous old church of the Scalzi, one of the art monuments of the world, now a wreck with its roof blown off, its massive walls tottering, and the famous ceiling fresco by Tiepolo, valued at a million francs, lying in heaps of rubbish in the ruins of the building. There have been three bomb raids on Venice, but this was the worst, and the historic church bore the full brunt of it.

Approaching the massive edifice one sees a gaping hole in the roof, extending from front to rear. The facade, fronting the Grand Canal, is intact, and three sculptured figures standing along the cornice remain untouched. But back of the figures the roof sags away in a curved line downward and then up again to the rear wall, as though some giant hand had reached down and torn out the whole top of the church, leaving only the front and the rickety side walls still intact. Workmen can be seen high above beginning the work of salvage and repair, and heavy timbers are being laced across the gaping hole left by the bomb.

Entering the historic church a scene of havoc and ruin is presented—twisted beams and arches, panels and columns of alabaster crushed into bits and lying around in heaps, the richly carved pulpit blown to pieces with only a faint outline of its former wonders remaining, and above, the roof wide open to the sky, with the wonderful frescoes of Tiepolo dumped in huge masses of debris on the stone pavement. Faint edges of the grand old frescoes still cling to the side walls, giving some idea of the beauties of the work torn away. Six enormous arches spanned the edifice meeting in the middle, and giving an intervening space for these frescoes. Not a vestige remains of the main subjects, the visit of the Virgin to Loretto, containing hundreds of biblical and allegorical figures, the ragged edges showing only cloud effects and the background with a few figures. The high altar, with spiral alabaster columns and rich decorations, is not touched, and another curious feature is that the electric candles circling the church are undisturbed, the electric bulbs shining as brightly as ever. But with these two exceptions—the high altar far in the rear, and the circling candles—everything is a ruin, frescoed ceiling, inlaid marble sidewalks, sculptures, confessionals, memorial tablets, baptistry, and marble mosaic pavement—all lying about in fragments.

It was about 11 o'clock in the morning when the explosion occurred. This was the busy hour, when the gondolas were crowding the Grand Canal, and the Venetians were shopping and marketing. Suddenly a single monoplane was seen in the northern sky, coming from the direction of the Austrian frontier. It was flying very high—about 2,500 meters. People at first did not recognize this speck as an enemy of destruction. Soon, however, the steam siren at the arsenal gave a long wail—the signal of warning—and the people scattered to cellars and any available cover. The aeroplane was now in full view, heading straight for the big railway station of Venice, the center of a network of railway connections. Just above the station the aeroplane began to circle around and round. Clearly it was going to bomb the station. But at 2,500 meters height the aim is not good, and besides there was mist adding to the difficulties of a sure shot. Down came the bomb—people could see it fall—but instead of the station it struck square on top of the famous old church. It did not explode immediately as it struck the roof. Instead, it made a clean hole through the roof, and then, shooting downwards, exploded just above and in front of the pulpit.

This internal explosion is what caused the terrible destruction, as besides the flying fragments of the bomb and its shrapnel contents, the sudden expansion of air in the confined interior of the church literally lifted the roof from the supporting walls and blew it skyward. One side of the roof was bent over to the right, the other to the left, beams and arches crashing upward and over, while masses of debris settled down between the walls.

The frescoed ceiling had disappeared in an instant. Particles of the bomb dug deep into the alabaster facing the walls, cracking and wrenching the marble pillars and side walls from floor to roof, the marble floor, made of huge slabs formed in mosaics, was torn up in chunks. One huge slab of the floor covered the tomb of some of the famous Venetians of olden days, and this was wrenched out exposing the tomb below. The explosion occurred when the church was deserted so that no loss of life resulted.

To the art world the damage to the famous old church is an irreparable loss. Everywhere it was known as the type of the Venetian baroque style, and next to the church of Santa Maria was the best example of this style in the world. The fresco by Tiepolo, covering the entire ceiling, was, of course, the greatest loss, as next to Titian, Tinto retto and Paul Veronese, Tiepolo was accepted as the greatest of descriptive painters, and the last of the older school of famous Venetian masters. The destroyed fresco was his most representative work, and probably the largest. After nearly 300 years the painting was in an excellent state of preservation, the vividness of the coloring and the great number of figures in the colossal work—nearly 100 feet across—giving it a special interest and value to the art world.

Only by chance, too, is it Tiepolo's work that is destroyed instead of Titian's or Tintoretto's, for these masters are similarly represented on the ceilings and walls of many of the churches and historic monuments of Venice, and while paintings can be removed to places of safety the frescoed ceilings must stay to take the chance of bombs. Ruskin in his Stones of Venice says Titian and Paul Veronese can be judged only by the ceiling of Venice. The sculptures and carvings of the high altar are by another Venetian master, Pozzo, but these escaped serious damage.

Besides the destruction of the Scalzi church, the chief effect of the bomb raids has been near the arsenal. It is clear that the chief purpose of the raids is to reach the arsenal and the railway station, the former being the chief defensive work of Venice with large stores of ammunition, while the railway station is a junction for many lines for strategic military movements toward the frontier. The bombs thus far have fallen outside the arsenal, in narrow side streets, tearing up the streets and riddling the houses, but not causing much loss of life. The canals are everywhere, and many of the bombs have fallen in the water.

The nearest approach to the famous Campanille and Doges' Palace was a bomb which fell midway between the column bearing the winged lion of San Marco and the column of San Theodoro, both on the Piazza San Marco, but this bomb did not explode. Another bomb fell in the Grand Canal just in front of the Doges' Palace. Both of these bombs, which fortunately were harmless, struck within a hundred yards of the most famous monuments in Europe.

"Swearing They'd Ne'er Consent, Consented."

BAN: JOHNSON JOHN K. TENER. GARRY-HERRMANN. INSERT-JAMES A. GILMORE.

Here are the great moguls of organized baseball, photographed ten minutes after they had made peace with the Federal League, and also shortly after they had sworn they would never make peace. President Johnson of the American League, President Tener of the National League, and Garry Herrmman, chairman of the National Commission, told newspaper men there would be no peace with the Federals. President Gilmore of the Federals just smiled. Then there was peace.

THE WEATHER

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 26, 1915.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 55 degrees; at 8 P. M., 65 degrees; maximum, 68 degrees; minimum, 48 degrees; mean, 58 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.56 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 5.5 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy Sunday, much colder in east and central portions; Monday fair.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 23, 1915.

Sun rises.. .. .. .7:16 A. M.
Sun sets.. .. .. .5:10 P. M.
Day's length .. .. .9 hrs. 54 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington . .	.12:41	1:09	7:55	8:45
Southport . .	.10:48	11:11	4:51	5:29
Masonboro Inl .	.10:37	11:00	4:31	5:09

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
December 25, 1915.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 p.m.
		Tempernture:		
Abilene. .	clear	58	26	.0
Asheville . .	snow	50	46	.28
Atlanta . .	cldy	52	52	.28
Augusta . .	cldy	70	50	.02
Baltimore . .	cldy	58	—	.0
Birmingh .	clear	38	36	.86
Boston. . .	cldy	52	36	.0
Charleston .	clear	66	50	.0
Charlotte . .	rain	66	48	.10
Chicago . .	cldy	28	28	.32
Galveston . .	clear	52	40	.0
Jacksonv .	clear	72	54	.0
Memphis . .	clear	44	36	.01
Mobile . .	clear	58	42	.48
Montgom'y .	clear	44	42	.54
New Orl . .	clear	52	44	.44
New York .	cldy	54	38	.0
Oklahoma pt	cldy	46	26	.0
Palestine. .	clear	52	32	0
Pittsburg. .	snow	56	40	.32
Raleigh. . .	rain	68	46	.02
Savannah . .	cldy	74	54	.0
Shreveport.	clear	50	34	.0
St. Louis. .	cldy	30	26	.08
Washing'n. .	cldy	62	38	.0

ARMENIANS STILL SUFFER

Representations to Turkey Have Not Produced Desired Result.

Rome, Dec. 25.—While reports continue to be received here of the sufferings of the Armenians, the representations made by Monsignor Dolci, apostolic delegate at Constantinople, to the Turkish government, so far have not produced the desired effect. The Ottoman officials have replied that investigations have been ordered and they are awaiting reports from those entrusted with the inquiry.

THREE KILLED BY TRAIN

Two Girls and Boy Lose Their Lives at Station at Avoca, N. Y.

Corning, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Miss Marie McChesney, 20 years old, Ethel McChesney, 17 years old, of Avoca, and Benjamin Harrison, 20 years old, of Corning, were killed today by a Delaware(Lackawanna & Western freight train at the Avoca station. The young women went to the station to meet Harrison, who was to be their Christmas guest.

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No. 84. 5:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 85. 6:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs and Sat. only.
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No. 89. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
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W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent. WILMINGTON, N. C.

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In Effect November 15, 1915.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrights ville	Leave... Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrights-ville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
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10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b2:06 P. M.	b1:55 P. M.	b1:45 P. M.
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4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	b5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	e6:40 P. M.	7:31 P. M.	7:20 P. M.	f7:15 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
11:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P.M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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RAILROAD BUILDING IN CHINA AT STANDSTILL

Finances Lacking Because of the European War.

Efforts Being Made to Interest American Capital in Undertakings Suspended by Some of the Belligerent Powers.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Peking, Dec. 10.—Railway construction in China is practically at a standstill as a result of financial conditions brought about by the European war. The Belgians, British, Russians and French all have railway undertakings in China, and the virtual suspension of this work is a hard blow to the country which is, as yet, inadequately served by railways and greatly in need of them for defensive as well as commercial purposes.

Efforts have been made to interest American capital in several of the lines. Chinese officials are confident that the European nations would turn over their interests to a neutral country, such as the United States, if American financiers would undertake to complete the lines.

The Chinese themselves are trying to finish the railway between Lancho in Kansu Province, with the sea at Tungchow, in Kiang-su Province. This line is more than a thousand miles long and is of prime importance as it runs east and west through a rich country and crosses the two important north and south railways. One of these connects Peking and North China with Shanghai. The other connects Peking with Hankow, the great interior commercial metropolis on the Yang-tse river, which city is called the Chicago of China and will undobutedly be one of he most important commercial centers when adequate railways are provided in the Yang-tse valley.

The Lanchow-to-the-sea line is already partly completed through the section between the great north and south railroads, and its managers are carrying on the work towards the west on a loan provided by the Chinese government. The work is fitful, however, and there is little prospect of completing the line without foreign assistance.

Work has been suspended on the British railroad, projected between Nanking and Sinyang. This line is about 250 miles long and connects Nanking with the Shanghai and Peking main lines, and with the Peking-Hankow line at Sinyang. Only nine miles of earth work has been completed on this project. The entire route, however, has been surveyed and all plans perfected, but the loan for financing it had not been negotiated before the outbreak of the war.

Surveyors are still at work on the projected British railway southwest from Nanking to Ping Hsiang, a distance of about 500 miles. The survey will be completed next spring, but at present there is no money in sight for the building of the railway.

The Chinese are continuing the extension of the railway from Kalgan, northwest of Peking, to the Yellow river in Mongolia through money that has been raised by a local loan but the funds are insufficient to complete it. The original plans provide that this line shall connect with the projected Russian line across Mongolia to touch the Trans-Siberian railway near Lake Baikal in Siberia.

Work has been suspended on the international railway designed to connect Hankow with the heart of Szechuen Province, to the westward along the Yang-tse river. Americans are interested in this line together with the English and German. The American section extends from Ichang, in Hupeh Province, to Wan Hsien, in Szechuen Province, a distance of 200 miles. R. W. Randolph, the American surveyor in charge, is at Ichang, but most of his staff has returned to America and work has been suspended until after the war.

The Szechuen railway will tap a territory of over 60,000,000 inhabitnts who are now without means of communication with the rest of China except through Yang-tse river, which, through its upper reaches, is filled with gorges and rapids which make navigation impossible for anything but very small boats.

Many other lines which have been projected and partially surveyed have also been abandoned temporarily because of war conditions.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 25.—Dr. Chas. Holmes Herty, head of the department of chemistry in the University of North Carolina, has been notified of his re-election as president of the American Chemical Society for the coming year. This is an unusually high honor as it is not the policy of the society to re-elect its presidents.

KINSTON "PULLS" BIG EVENT.

City's First Community Christmas Tree Attracts Large Crowd.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 25.—Kinston's first community Christmas tree was the center of big civic exercises last night. Thousands of people witnessed the program at the court house square. The large cedar tree was illuminated at 6 o'clock. An order by the mayor forbade the racket of fireworks until 8 P. M., when the ordinance against them was suspended for 28 hours. The tree was decorated with colored electric lamps and other fixings in elaborate fashion. The Second Infantry band opened the program with a march and fanfares. "Joy to the World," was sung by a chorus of hundreds of voices from all the churches. Rev. Geo. B. Hanrahan, a Presbyterian minister, said the opening prayer, and the chorus sang "Silent Night." The chorus, an orchestra and high school girl singers joined in carols, which were followed by a short address by H. G. Braxton on the spirit of Christmas. Dr. B. W. Spilman, of the Baptist church, said the closing prayer, after which hundreds of bags of confections and gifts were distributed.

BIG INCREASE IN RECEIPTS

For Last Two-Year Period in Office of Secretary of State.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 25.—The receipts of the State Department, Colonel J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, for the two years' period, ending November 30, aggregated $299,922, an increase of $129,224 over the previous two-year period ending November 30, 1913. This is a gain of 76 per cent. for the last two-year period. There were 1,974 new corporations chartered the past two years, compaerd with 2,125 chartered during the two-year period ending November 30, 1913. There were 44 banks chartered and 11 railroads during the past two years. Also the work of indexing and re-arranging land grants and plats is very nearly completed. These facts are shown in a statement issued by Colonel J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of the State, in summarizing the activities of department for the past two years.

Governor Craig has already mailed out many copies of a booklet he has just prepared on "Mitchell's Peak and Dr. Mitchell." He is sending this booklet with the specific purpose of procuring subscriptions to a fund needed to complete the conversion of the summit and mountain sides of Mitchell's peak into a forest preserve and public park and to rebuild a suitable monument to Dr. Elisha Mitchell, who sacrified his life in exploring this highest mountain peak east of the Rockies.

INDEBTEDNESS MUCH REDUCED.

State Owes War Department $27,000 Less Than Year Ago.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 25.—After a year of strenuous effort, Adjutant General Laurence Young makes the gratifying statement that he has succeeded in relieving the State from $27,247 of its indebtedness to the Federal War Department, leaving a balance claimed to be due of only $16,848. Of the indebtedness eliminated the past year of $18,661 was removed by the recovery of property and $395 by the process of survey. The bulk of this claim against the State originated during the Spanish-American War. General Young feels sure that he will succeed in the cancellation of practically all the remainder of this claim.

A war department summary of the status of the North Carolina National Guard shows that this State made a greater increase in numbers during 1915 than did the militia in any other state in the Union. North Carolina's was a net increase of two officers and 442 enlisted men. The latest report shows 211 officers and 2,809 enlisted men.

DIFFERENCES YET UNSETTLED.

Between Corporation Commission and Southern Railway.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 25. — Corporation Commissioner Pell and Secretary A. J. Maxwell have returned from Washington, where the members of the commission held a conference with the chief officials of the freight department of the Southern Railway Company.

The conference was an effort to compromise differences relative to the new schedules of freight rates into Southeastern territory, which the Interstate Commerce commission has required the railroad companies to file with that body, and against certain features of which the North Carolina commission has filed a protest with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Judge Pell says the commission held several conferences with the railroad authorities, but that the differeences are still unsettled. He says the railroad authorities have proposed certain concessions on which the Corporation Commission will take action later. The railroads are understood to offer reduction on certain freight tariffs into the Southeast, including the Atlanta and the Birmingham zones, if the Corporation Commission will withdraw the protest it now has on file with the interstate commission.

DOESN'T HE LOOK LIKE SANTA CLAUS?

If Santa Claus does not look like this he ought to. But it is a real photograph of F. Karger, a German, now 54 years of age. Artists by the score have sought him as a model, and he has delighted hundreds of thousands of children by his remarkable impersonation of Santa Claus.

WARSAW GOVERNMENT INSTALLED IN A WEEK

Germans Rule Province in a Remarkable Manner.

Co-Operation is Being Given in Relieving the Food Problem—Poles Enjoy Liberties Denied Them for Many Years.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Warsaw, Dec. 15.—It took the Germans just about one week to install in the province of Warsaw, the most important in all Poland, a government that, for the smoothness of its operation, seems remarkable under the circumstances.

Only a few days after the fall of Warsaw it was announced that General von Beseler had been appointed governor general, not only of the city but of the district comprising some 70 square kilometers. Like von Bissing of Belgium, he is the supreme authority, with powers infinitely greater than the Emperor possesses in relation to Germany. Under von Beseler stand General von Etzdorff as Governor of the city of Warsaw and military chief, and his Excellency Kries as administrative chief in charge of all civilian matters. Under them stands Police President von Glasenap, former police president of Cologne, who exerts both military and civil authority, the first under the direction of von Etzdorff, the second under Kries. Upon him falls the burden of detail work, the practical administration of the city and its suburbs. His first aide is Mayor Sahm, former mayor of the city of Bochum, an expert in administrative matters In addition there are, in the police department, any number of men who are experts in their particular lines and who head the various departments.

The Germans found, on taking Warsaw, a "citizens' committee" of Poles and Jews, headed by Prince Lubomirski, into whose hands the Russians had confided the welfare of the city. This committee was allaying as best it could the needs of the people in charitable ways, and wrestling with the food problem.

The Germans immediately gave official recognition to the committee and prepared to work hand in hand with it. But one subcommittee, that in charge of the coal problem, has been disbanded. Prince Lubomirski occupies a sort of dual position. He is, first, the native mayor, and secondly the committee head in its work for charity and food supplies.

Not only Warsaw city but the district of Warsaw and that of Radzymin adjoining, to the northeast, are subject to the police rules and regulations.

The branch departments of the praesidium include a bureau of communal affairs of the district exclusive of Warsaw district; a bread and flour department; a complaint department, where, for instance, citizens lodge complaints against bakers; a customs office; a veterinary department, which has had an enormous task in ridding the city of mad dogs; a censorship bureau which passes on all plays and films; a pass division which issues credentials to the residents of the district; an employment bureau and a division which assists the wives of former German residents of Warsaw who are interned in Siberia and elsewhere.

For the first time in approximately one hundred years the Poles are now permitted to produce their native—and anti-Russian—plays. Warsaw today has six theatres, including an opera house, running full blast. Each is packed to the doors night after night, partly with German officers and soldiers, for the most part with Poles.

By all means the most popular production is aplay purporting to show the cruelties attending the domination of Poland by the Russians. It is historically old, but never has been allowed before. In the opera house some of the more popular operas as well as a number of purely Polish productions are given. There is a really excellent orchestra and, especially, a number of first-rate dancers. By all odds the favorite opera is "Carmen," which is given two and sometimes three times a week.

The stage setting and stage management of each and every theatrical of musical production seem to give evidence of a very elemental and undeveloped taste.

COLONEL VILLA RELEASED.

Gives Bond of $5,000 After Habeas Corpus Proceedings.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 25.—Habeas corpus proceedings before Judge P. R. Price in the district court today resulted in the release of Colonel Hipolito Villa under $5,000 bond after the prisoner had eaten his Christmas dinner in the county jail. Villa had been held under $20,000 bail on a charge of bringing stolen property into Texas. Judge Price declared the security demanded excessive. Following his release Villa denied he was trying ea leave the country when arrested Wednesday night at San Antonio. He said he went to San Antonio to avoid any possibility of being involved in difficulties incident to a change of government at Juarez.

N. & W. TRAINS COLLIDE.

One Killed and Two Seriously Injured. Others Slightly Hurt.

Petersburg, Dec. 25.—One was killed, two seriously injured and others badly shaken up and bruised when two Norfolk & Western through freight trains collided head-on at the eastern end of the Blackstone yards at 6:20 o'clock this morning. Charlie Covington, of Lynchburg, Va., a fireman on the eastbound train, was caught between the engine cab and tender as he attempted to jump for safety and was instantly killed. Every bone in his body was crushed.

A dense fog made it impossible for the engineer of the westbound train to see the signals.

MANY HOMES MADE HAPPY.

First Baptist Church of Wilson Plays Santa Claus.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 25.—Christmas of 1915 will be long remembered in many Wilson homes. Members of the First Baptist church, headed by the pastor, Rev. T. W. Chambliss, used automobiles and wagons Christmas morning carrying baskets of food and Christmas cheer to homes of the less fortunate. The provisions were brought to the church Thursday evening, the occasion of the annual Christmas entertainment, and every man, woman and child brought something.

DIFFICULT TO CHECK DISEASE IN POLAND

German Medical Forces, However, Overcome Obstacles.

Had to Contend With Lack of Medical Supplies, Together With Distrust of People Who Distinctly Opposed Vaccination.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Warsaw, Dec. 10. — It has taken the most strenuous efforts of German medical forces to overcome the epidemics of typhoid, smallpox, rabies and other diseases that they found prevalent in Poland when they arrived. They had to contend not only with a shortage of medicaments, but also with the distrust of the people and a distinct opposition to vaccination that was overcome only with difficulty

Poland was immediately divided up into forty-nine sections, in thirty-five of which it was possible to install German physicians, and additional doctors are being brought in as fast as possible. The first duty was to establish sanitary conditions. With but few exceptions the cities and towns had never heard of a drainage system. The streets were disease breedeers, and the public convenience stations were dangerous in the highest degree. In many places, including Lodz, with its 400,000 inhabitants, the public was dependent for water on wells that were spreaders of disease.

Seven thousand of Lodz's 10,000 wells have been examined and purified, and the balance will be fit for use within a few weeks.

Much to the astonishment of the Polish population, and not without opposition, the official notification of disease was required, especially in the prisons, the hospitals and the other public institutions where the Germans found cholera, typhoid and typhus rife. The opposition to these measures was such that it was necessary to lay down severe penalties for failure to comply with the new regulations.

Even the schools were discovered to be disease breeders, through the medium of teachers who were sick. Great as the shortage of instructors was, and is, many had to be forbidden attendance on their schools, in order to check epidemics. A thorough housecleaning of hospitals, schools and houses throughout the length and the breadth of Poland was immediately begun.

Smallpox was the worst thing with which the Germans had to combat. They found an epidemic of it that ran in a northeasterly direction, and which was checked only by the vaccination of between 400,000 and 500,000 persons. The epidemic is broken now, but the vaccination of all the population is impossible because of a lack of personnel and of vaccine

Typhus to a smaller extent existed, principally in Lodz, where strict German methods were introduced. Cholera was prevalent along the right bank of the Vistula, practically all of which has been stamped out by this time. To prevent the disease from traveling into Germany, via the water route, cholera prevention stations were installed all along the Vistula from Warsaw to Thorn. Only infected wounded prisoners not far enough advanced to give evidences of the disease have ever carried it into Germany.

Such hospitals as existeed in Poland were in part destroyed when the Germans arrived, and the latter had to erect new structures in addition to putting the old ones in commission again. Some 200 hospitals, six disinfecting establishmentn, each capable of handling 12,000 persons daily, 14 smaller institutions of the same sort, and countless improvised sterilizers, have been built during the past few months.

The Germans found an astonishing number of mad dogs, which apparently had acquired the rabies by starvation and by feeding on the ntagnant remains of food not destroyed by fire. Many soldiers were bitten and infected. Dogs by the hundreds have been shot, and the hospitals have been supplied with the very latest and most effective hydrophobia preventatives and curatives.

Since the German medical forces not only must handle disease, but also prevent it where possible, the strictest possible watch is kept on all food stuffs. A bureau has been established which maintains veterinary surgeons, examines slaughter hounes, and prosecutes purveyors of impure foods.

In order that existing needs might be supplied, the exportation ban in Germany on certain medicaments was lifted, and Poland today is in a position to receive all that it needs in the pharmaceutical. Pharmacists in Poland are required to list all their supplies, and speculation in such supplies has been reduced to a minimum by heavy benalty.

"German hygiene," declared the physician in charge of all the work in Poland, "remains as a heritage to whatever government takes charge. We have established a basis on which others in the future can build."

POVERTY FAR LESS THAN A YEAR AGO

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shot and knife wounds was the record of the Christmas celebration in Atlanta's negro quarter last night and this morning. The celebration started at 6 o'clock last night and the last shot was fired at 4 o'clock Christmas morning. A count of the prisoners booked at police headquarters on charges of varying gravity showed 120 arrests.

STEEL MILLS SUSPEND

Despite Large Orders, Employees Enjoy Christmas Holiday.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 25. — Steel mills in the Pittsburgh district were closed today in order to give employees an opportunity to observe Christmas. A majority suspended operations and will not resume until tomorrow night, despite enormous business pressure.

INTERNED SAILORS ASHORE.

German Jackies Permitted to Attend Christmas Services at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 25.—For the first time since October 12, sailors from the interned German cruisers Eitel Friedrich and Kronprinz Wilhelm were permitted to come ashore today.

Two hundred men, dressed in their best muster clothes, attended services at St. Paul's Catholic church in Portsmouth this morning. They returned immediately after the services to their ships. They marched in a body to and from the church and were accompanied by several of their officers. Several hundred American bluejackets also attended services at St. Paul's and at St. Mary's Catholic church in this city.

The German sailors were permitted to attend the services on special permission from the Navy Department.

Tomorrow the interned sailors will have a Christmas celebration on the Eitel Friedrich to which a number of people in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Washington have been invited.

MANY GO TO HOSPITALS

Nineteen Suffering Injuries Result of Christmas Celebration.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 25.—Nineteen persons were taken to Macon hospitals today and tonight suffering from gunshot wounds, and injuries from fireworks as a result of the Christmas celebration here. Only two of the wounded are white persons. Two negroes are in a serious condition. Five of the victims have gunshot wounds.

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